

COCONINO County Arizona



THIS ISSUE CONTAINS
**VALUABLE
INFORMATION**
ABOUT THE COUNTY'S
**FREE AND LOW-COST
CITIZEN PROGRAMS
AND SERVICES.**

Check out our adult and youth workforce programs, health prevention services (including the new Sex FYI teen texting program), senior lunches at the adult centers, citizen law enforcement academy, and emergency services for rent and utility assistance.

Help us increase our Census 2010 population count, learn how to represent yourself in court, get prepared for a community emergency, and VOLUNTEER!

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We are especially pleased this year to send you our 10th Annual Report to Citizens. Over the years, we have received a lot of good feedback on what a great resource this newsletter is for our citizens.

Last December, two longstanding Board members retired. Former District 4 Supervisor Deb Hill recently relocated to Montana to follow her dream of raising alpacas. Former District

5 Supervisor Louise Yellowman, who was the longest sitting County Supervisor in Arizona (with 28 years of service), is enjoying retirement in her community of Tuba City.

We are pleased to welcome two new Board members this year—Mandy Metzger, who represents District 4 and Lena Fowler, who represents District 5.

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CHECK THIS OUT!

FIND THE HELP YOU NEED FROM A LISTING OF MORE THAN 100 RESOURCE AGENCIES IN COCONINO COUNTY, WITH OVER A THOUSAND SERVICES IDENTIFIED.

www.coconino.az.gov/resourcedirectory/

Community Services maintains an internet resource directory that provides:

- In-depth information about specific social services, eligibility requirements, required documents, proximity to the bus system (in Flagstaff), waiting time, etc.
- Information on services by searching a broad category such as food, shelter, child care, etc.; or detailed information by entering the name of the service providers
- An information system that is quick and easy to update
- A link to the RANNA listserv—offering the latest information on social and human services activities, programs, jobs and information at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ranna/>

You can go online FREE at the following locations:

- Coconino County Community Services, 2625 North King Street, Flagstaff (928) 679-7425
- Flagstaff Public Library, 300 W. Aspen Ave. (928) 779-7670
- NAU Cline Library, 912 Riordan Ranch Road, (928) 523-6508
- Page Public Library, 479 Lake Powell Blvd. (928) 645-4270
- Williams Public Library, 113 S. First St., (928) 635-2263
- Grand Canyon National Park Library, Park Headquarters, (928) 638-7768

The directory provides information on public and non-profit agencies and organizations, including community-based organizations, volunteer groups, human service providers and faith-based community groups.

For more information about our services, please call (928) 679-7425.

PLEASE TELL US HOW WE’RE DOING...

We always want our citizens’ feedback but, in these dynamic, challenging times, it seems even more important to hear about what is most valuable to you and how satisfied you are with the programs and services we provide. Please log onto our website at www.coconino.az.gov and take our online citizen survey to let us know how we are doing. Watch for the survey results on our website this fall.



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

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Mandy's life experiences have stretched her from one end of the country to the other, including her early years on a ranch in Wyoming, a stint in Washington, D.C. as a senior policy advisor to a Senator, and then to Coconino County. She is the current President of the Diablo Trust, which focuses on land management and the protection and maintenance of open spaces and healthy watersheds; and she has served as a member of the Steering Committee to develop the Coconino County Comprehensive Plan.



**County Manager
Steve Peru**

Lena has lived in Tuba City for the past 25 years and is a lifelong resident of Coconino County. Some of the issues near and dear to her heart include her work on the Tonalea Land Use Planning Committee, a range management plan for the Navajo Partitioned Land and the recovery plan for the former Bennett Freeze area. She is working to reclaim and establish Navajo Nation water rights in New Mexico, Arizona and Utah, and was the Nation's representative on the Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council.

During these tough economic times and the reality of reduced funding, all public agencies are realizing they can no longer be "all things to all people". To address this challenge, Coconino County has begun a dialogue with our citizens to determine what services are most important to you. We began this dialogue last year by convening a series of citizen focus groups to give us feedback on our programs and services and how we can improve on our service delivery. We intend to continue this dialogue in the future so service priorities are determined with your input.

While this year has given us many opportunities, it has also brought many challenges. The fiscal budget year, which began on July 1, will see a reduced budget for all our departments. While our hope is that you will not feel a drastic reduction in our level of service and programs offered, you may—depending on the service or program—see some changes as a result of these reductions. Our goal has, and always will be, to position the County, both strategically and financially for the future. Our staff has been focused on this for some time now and we feel, as a result of this planning, the impact of the current fiscal budget was not as drastic as it might otherwise have been.

Because we know what a tough year this has been for everyone, we decided to ask each of our departments to send us information about County programs and services that are free or low-cost, and are particularly helpful to our citizens in these unprecedented economic times.

Please take a few minutes to read about ways to improve your job skills, help our seniors, protect your family's health and well-being, take advantage of free resources such as the public library and court system, conserve water, volunteer, start your own business, and even grow your own food!

Coconino County encompasses a large geographic area made up of numerous communities and neighborhoods. We know that not all the services you will read about are available everywhere but we will continue to work on maximizing our efforts, resources and funding to provide the services you want and need.

In our travels throughout the County and at countless community meetings, we are inspired by the "neighbors helping neighbors" theme that runs through our communities. Whether it is participating in your Neighborhood Watch program, helping an elderly or disabled neighbor shovel their driveway in the winter, or volunteering to help alleviate the effects of homelessness, you are helping us stretch our resources even further. And we appreciate it.

Sincerely,

**COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS and
COUNTY MANAGER**



**Carl Taylor
District 1**



**Liz Archuleta
District 2**



**Matt Ryan
District 3**



**Mandy Metzger
District 4**



**Lena Fowler
District 5**

COCONINO CAREER CENTER OFFERS WORKFORCE SERVICES TO FACE ECONOMIC CHALLENGES

Have you, a family member, or someone you know lost a job recently? Assistance is available to polish skills and obtain the tools needed to successfully move into new employment.

The Career Center has a new **J.O.B.** room in Flagstaff dedicated to providing professional assistance for job seekers. If you become part of our Job Seeker team, you can expect to:

Join:

- Job Club each week
- Open lab to work individually on applications, resumes, interview techniques and online job search; and research local employers
- Job Skills Workshops to help sharpen your job skills
- Networking with fellow job seekers

Obtain:

- Current labor market information
- Tools for successful job search
- Professional assistance in directing your job search
- Networking support

Begin:

- Serious job search
- Feeling great about your skills
- Training to improve specific skills
- NEW EMPLOYMENT

Job seeker services are available in Flagstaff, Fredonia, Page and Williams. Please call our toll free number to learn how to begin the enrollment process.

The Coconino Career Center continues to offer Adult/Dislocated Worker Programs and manages the Coconino County Rapid Response Team, which serves residents throughout off-reservation areas of the County.

- The Adult Program assists adults (over 18) to move into employment, with short-term education or training (if needed), then follows them for 15 months to ensure employment is continued and there has been earnings gain.
- The Dislocated Worker program assists individuals, or a member of their immediate family, who has been laid off due to downsizing or closure of a business. Assistance to move back into employment may include short-term education, training, or moving cost assistance if employment is found outside of the State.
- Rapid Response is a service to employers and employees going through downsizing or closure of a business. If the team is aware of impending concerns, tax or job sharing assistance may be offered to employers to avoid or lessen a layoff. The Team offers services and support to help affected individuals find new employment.

**Call (928) 679-7400, or toll-free
(877) 358-6714, to learn more about
Career Center programs today!**



HUMAN RESOURCES TO OFFER PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP

Human Resources and the Coconino Career Center are teaming up to offer a workshop entitled **"Tips for Finding Public Sector Employment"** — to help maximize your opportunity for employment in public sector and government positions. The class will also highlight the benefits of public sector employment, the recruitment process, and how to eliminate barriers for interested individuals.

Coconino County is seeing many applicants who have not had to seek employment for many years or who are changing careers. It is the goal of this program to encourage applicants to consider public sector employment—possibly something they have never considered before—and to help them be successful. The County provides a diverse array of services that require employees with a wide variety of expertise from all careers and backgrounds.

The workshop is part of a group of workshops offered by the Career Center. As part of the Rapid Response Task Force, the information provided in these classes is also being offered on-site to local businesses experiencing layoffs or reductions in force. Coconino County is a member of the Rapid Response Team, which proactively assists employers and employees in preventing, or responding to, layoffs or closures by connecting them with customized resources.

The workshop will be offered on August 6, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Coconino County Career Center, 2625 N. King Street (JOBS room). The class is offered at no charge and is open to the public.

If you are not sure how your education, background or talents may fit into a career at Coconino County, we invite you to visit our website at www.coconino.az.gov, or give us a call at (928) 679-7100; toll-free (800) 559-9289.

COCONINO CAREER CENTER YOUTH PROGRAMS

The Coconino Career Center offers a variety of programs addressing youth career development, primarily in off-reservation areas of the County. The Career Center manages the Independent Learning Center, TeenWorks, Workforce Investment Act (youth projects) and YouthBuild.

Independent Learning Center (ILC) serves high school students, 17-19 years of age, who are at-risk of dropping out of school, and need less than eight credits to graduate. ILC is a dropout prevention and credit recovery program that provides an alternative setting for students to complete their required credits to graduate with a high school diploma. The non-traditional setting is equipped with computer-based instruction and fosters a positive environment where students may work at their own pace. **There is no cost to the student or school for their participation in this year-round program.**

TeenWorks is a youth employment summer program serving 14 and 15 year-olds. Throughout the summer, crews work in all five County districts and in their neighborhoods on community improvement projects. The program requires teens to reside in their worksite community. TeenWorks promotes civic engagement and allows teens to explore careers and work in jobs that sometimes represent their first paid employment. The teens also learn tips for success and safety in their new jobs.

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) projects serve youth ages 14-21. Program eligibility categories include disadvantaged, out-of-school, basic skills deficient, below grade educational attainment, pregnant or parenting, disabled, homeless or runaway, adjudicated, and low income youth. WIA offers workforce, education and training services to participants according to his/her unique set of skills and talents. An Individual Service Strategy identifies the participant's education and workforce training needs as they relate to his/her career goals. Services include work experiences, on-the-job training, job shadowing, high school diploma or GED, community college or university courses, and career training courses.

YouthBuild program serves disadvantaged, school drop-outs and adjudicated youth, and young adults ages 17-24, and provides job training and educational opportunities. Program participants divide their time between the construction site and the classroom, where they will earn their high school diploma or GED, and an Alternative Energy Technical Certificate from the community college. The program also includes mentoring, child care and personal counseling services.

For more information, call the Career Center at (928) 679-7400; toll-free (877) 358-6714.



WHAT IS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION?

We are educators who help people solve problems and put knowledge to good use. We teach...in classes, seminars and workshops; in public forums and presentations; in newspaper columns; on the phone and the internet; and through research-based publications.

Grow Your Own Food, Conserve Water

If you would like to try gardening edible plants, vegetables or fruits, or grow ornamentals to sell (at the local farmer's market), we have publications that can guide you through the process and help you select the most appropriate plant varieties for our elevation and climate.

If you want to save water in your yard or garden, we have publications that explain how to plant low-water varieties or install a drip water system. There are more hands-on ways to learn and save money at gardening classes hosted by Extension. Look for class offerings in the weekly Master Gardener column in the Arizona Daily Sun.

Raise An Animal

Perhaps you have some land, and a young person who would like to raise poultry, rabbits or other small animals. The 4-H Youth Development program teaches life skills to young people. It is unique among youth development programs because it models learning and ongoing supportive relationships with volunteer adult leaders. Enrollment in the program is \$25.

Learn About High Altitude Cooking

Saving money on food takes some strategizing, as well as avoiding costly food failures due to our high altitude. Extension has an affordable publication (\$2) on high altitude food preparation, with five easy-to-follow steps to alter recipes. We also offer workshops periodically.

Save Money At The Grocery Store

When it comes to saving money at the grocery store, we have an hour-long group workshop (minimum 10 participants) that offers practical and effective ways to **immediately** lower your food bill.

Get Help Raising Your Relative's Child

If you are a caregiver raising a relative's child, Extension hosts discussion groups that meet in many communities within the County to discuss ways to deal with the challenges of caregiving. Groups share ideas with other experienced relative caregivers and often gain new friendships. Participants may discuss financial issues and legal options to finding services and resources for their grandchildren. One group member learned what was required to get the surgery her grandchild needed. Currently, we have seven groups meeting on a monthly basis.

To sign up for one of our programs, schedule a workshop, or to learn more about our programs and services, give us a call at (928) 774-1868.



INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Coconino County understands the value of utilizing volunteers. Whether they're out helping us maintain our trails, working with us to combat the homelessness issue, or assisting in community and emergency preparedness, volunteers are an invaluable asset that is often overlooked.

Some of the volunteer opportunities available at the County include:

Sheriff's Office

- Become a member of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). See page 10.
- Work with your neighbors and your community deputy to keep your community safe through the Neighborhood Watch program. See page 10.
- Join the Citizen Law Enforcement Academy and see what really goes on in the areas of crime investigation, victim services, detention—and more. See page 10.

Helping Seniors

Volunteers are always needed to shop for homebound seniors, visit with them in person or on the phone, set up lunch programs at the Senior Centers, and assist with Meals on Wheels. See article on this page.



Medical Reserve Corps

The Health Department is looking for physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, veterinarians, physician assistants and other health care professionals who are interested in community and emergency preparedness. Other opportunities include fall flu clinics and summer Back to School events. See page 16.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Each year, volunteers assist low-income community members in preparing their tax returns. See page 14.

Project Connect

Help us alleviate the effects of homelessness in our community; see page 19.

Parks & Recreation

Volunteers are always welcome to help with our parks, outdoor recreation, park watch groups, trail repair and construction, natural area exotic weed eradication, park beautification, trash pick-up, public art mural at Sawmill County Park, the County Fair and more. Call (928) 679-8000; or visit www.coconino.az.gov/parks.aspx.



Human Resources

Help us assist job applicants. Call (928) 679-7100.

County Attorney's Office

College level interns can gain experience for class credits doing everything from filing to assisting in jury trials. We also have a Law Clerk program for second and third year law students. Call (928) 679-8200.

Resource Action Network of Northern Arizona (RANNA) Social Service Directory

For other volunteer opportunities, visit the RANNA social service directory on our website at www.coconino.az.gov and click on the frog in the bottom left corner!

If you decide you would like to volunteer for one of these exciting projects or others, we will train you and provide you with all the necessary tools to be successful—and we will definitely keep you busy!

WORKING WITH OUR SENIORS

Coconino County has a long standing commitment to our older citizens. Case managers assist seniors in finding help—both private and public—including home meals for disabled and isolated individuals, help with chores and shopping, visiting nurse services and help in understanding the Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCS).

Have lunch.

Seniors age 60+ and spouses of any age are invited to make friends at the Flagstaff and Williams Senior Centers. Lunch is served at noon on weekdays, excluding holidays. A small donation is requested and reservations are needed. Call 774-2606 (Flagstaff), 679-7480 (Williams).

The cities of Sedona, Page and Fredonia also have senior centers with a noon lunch.

Go out.

In Flagstaff, the Mountain Line bus system, (928) 779-6624, is a low cost alternative to driving. Van Lift operates door-to-door for people with disabilities and the Flagstaff Senior Center offers monthly recreational trips. In Williams, County staff transports seniors weekly to Flagstaff for shopping and doctor visits. In Page, the Senior Center helps non-driving seniors shop and run errands.

Be informed.

Senior Services staff helps community members understand the programs for which they qualify, and assist with applications. For example, Medicare patients with low monthly incomes can qualify to have their Part B premiums paid by the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS). And low income utility customers may qualify for reduced rates through Unisource, Qwest and APS.

Case managers can help seniors find available resources. Just call (928) 213-5254, or toll-free (877) 521-3500, for an intake interview with the Area Agency on Aging.

To conduct your own personal and confidential screening, visit www.benefitscheckup.org.

FREE ENTERTAINMENT, EDUCATION AND FUN...VISIT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY!

County citizens can save money, enjoy family time together, and increase their knowledge—all in a single visit to one of the many public libraries located throughout the County.

The City of Flagstaff/Coconino County Library District is a long-standing, successful partnership that consists of fourteen libraries. Each library is unique and strives to best serve the needs of its community members.

The main library is located at 300 W. Aspen Avenue in Flagstaff. It is a full-service library that offers books, large type books, DVDs, audio books, programs for all ages, computers, internet access and electronic resources. Flagstaff's eastside branch is located at 3000 N 4th Street.

In addition to checking out material and using the computers, patrons can access the library's online databases—including Small Engine Repair, Auto Repair, HEIN Online Law Journal Library, USA Phone books (business & residential), Genealogy, EBSCO (hundreds of newspaper and magazine articles), Grolier Online Encyclopedia for children, and more.

Community libraries are located in Forest Lakes, Fredonia, Grand Canyon, Page, Sedona, Tuba City and Williams. The Bookmobile travels throughout the County—check out the schedule at www.flagstaffpubliclibrary.org or www.coconino.az.gov. Day care centers, preschools and Head Start centers in Flagstaff and outlying areas are visited regularly by the PALSMobile, which provides materials and story times to enhance early childhood literacy.

For more information on any of these libraries and their services, visit the library website or call the Main Library at (928) 779-7670.





MONEY LESSONS FOR LIFE – FINANCIAL EDUCATION SEMINARS

From time to time, we can all use tips on managing our money. In our current economy, budgeting is even more important. To assist County employees, several County departments worked together last year to develop a week-long event entitled, "Money Lessons for Life".

Free workshops were conducted by professional trainers and included topics such as "Understanding

Money and Credit" and "Holiday Survival Skills". The response was overwhelmingly positive and prompted organizers to repeat the event in April 2009, expand the workshops to invite the public, and offer evening workshops.

The April event included workshops on estate planning, Medicare benefits, investment planning, understanding your credit report, and protection against ID theft.

Due to the success of the workshops, the County's goal is to offer them at least twice a year in the spring and fall. During the fall session, participants will be given the tools to create financial stability and successfully manage personal budgets.

For more information, call Human Resources at (928) 679-7100.

BASIC BUSINESS EMPOWERMENT

Ever thought of what it would be like to not work for someone else, grow your own enterprise and reach new personal and professional heights?

If your answer is "yes", the Community Services Basic Business Empowerment program is for you! With an award winning entrepreneurial training program and assistance from experienced, knowledgeable business coaches, the program provides the in-class structure and hands-on support to help anyone realize and cultivate their hidden entrepreneur. The development of micro and other small enterprises is a means for economic development and community enrichment within the County.

Program participants are those who have a working business idea but need training and support before becoming their own bosses. And the program is not just for new entrepreneurs—existing business owners can benefit as well!

Participants develop a professional business feasibility plan through a 36-hour training program broken down into a 12-week course.

For more information, visit www.coconino.az.gov/comsvcs.aspx?id=5497, or call (928) 679-7463.

FREE COMMUNITY CLEAN-UPS

The Public Works Solid Waste Division hosts free community clean-up events for County residents in several areas of the County in the spring and summer. These clean-ups provide an opportunity for residents to collect debris in their neighborhoods, eliminate rodent nesting areas, and reduce the threat of fire by disposing of potential fire hazards.

Items accepted at the clean-ups include tree trimmings, pine needles, bulky residential waste (washers, dryers, sofas, etc.) and tires without rims. Refrigerators with evacuation certificates will be accepted at no charge; a fee of \$30 will be charged for refrigerators containing refrigerants. Mixed household recyclables, electronics and waste oil will also be accepted for recycling. Hazardous materials **cannot** be accepted at the clean-ups.

Dates, times and locations of the free community clean-ups will be announced at least one week prior to the clean-up event in each area.

For more information, call the Solid Waste Division at (928) 526-2735.

WHERE CAN I TAKE MY TRASH AND RECYCLABLES?

Navajo Nation Reservation residents may take their trash and recyclables to the following locations **free of charge** (subsidized by the Navajo Nation):

Tuba City Transfer Station, (928) 283-5707
Open year-round
Recycling: household, scrap steel, tires, white goods*

Recycled white goods and tires are also accepted at the following sites:

Cameron Transfer Station, (928) 679-2323
Open year-round; gates always open

The Gap Transfer Station, (928) 283-8843
Open year-round; gates always open
Attendant available Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tonalea Transfer Station, (928) 283-5921
Open year-round; gates always open

Kaibeto Transfer Station, (928) 673-5850
Open year-round; gates always open
Attendant available Monday & Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Leupp Transfer Station, (928) 686-3227
Open year-round; gates always open
Attendant available Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Page Transfer Station (Allied Waste Services), (928) 645-3885
Open Monday – Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Serves LeChee area residents.

Liquid waste, batteries, hazardous materials, dead animals, and/or car parts are NOT accepted.

County Waste Facilities:
Willard Springs Transfer Station
(928) 286-1866
Open during winter months**,
Sunday and Monday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Open during summer months**,
Friday through Monday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Recycling: household, scrap steel, white goods
Fee: \$11 per cubic yard

Mormon Lake Transfer Station
(928) 526-2735
Open Sundays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Recycling: household, scrap steel, white goods
Fee: \$11 per cubic yard

Long Valley Transfer Station, (928) 477-2967
Open during winter months, Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Open during summer months, Thursday through Monday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Recycling: household, scrap steel, white goods, tires
Fee: \$15 per cubic yard

*White goods include washers, dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators, stoves. **Winter months are November 1 - April 30. Summer months are May 1 - October 31.

Non-County Waste Facilities:
City of Flagstaff Cinder Lakes Landfill
(928) 527-1927
Open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.; Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day
Fee: \$20 per load for household waste, or \$40.55 per ton

City of Williams Transfer Station
(928) 635-9108
Open Tuesday through Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Fee: \$.039 per pound

Where Can I Take My Used Tires?
Car and truck tires are accepted at the Waste Tire Yard **free of charge** (no tires with rims). The tipping fee ranges from \$20-\$50, depending on the tire size. Tires are also accepted at any transfer station located farther than 60 miles from the Coconino County Waste Tire Yard. Others may bring their tires to the County Waste Tire Yard.

Coconino County Waste Tire Yard
(928) 526-2735
5701 East Penstock, Flagstaff
Open year-round, Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Page Tire Yard (Page and Fredonia residents)
2045 Industrial Drive
By appointment only; call (928) 640-0095

Fredonia Tire Yard
Located next to the City of Fredonia Shop
For more info, call (928) 526-2735, ext. 34.

Where Can I Take Household Hazardous Waste?
Household hazardous waste items may be brought free of charge to the Hazardous Products Center at the City of Flagstaff Cinder Lakes Landfill, 6770 East Landfill Road, in Flagstaff. For a list of accepted waste, call (928) 527-9005, or visit <http://flagstaff.az.gov/hazwaste>.



KACHINA VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT WATER CONSERVATION AND COST SAVINGS



There are many opportunities for Kachina Village residents to save on your water bills. First and foremost is to control monthly usage. To encourage conservation, KVID uses a stepped usage system. The cost of water for the first 3,000 gallons is \$1.56 per 1,000 gallons. The cost for 3,001 to 6,000 gallons rises to \$2.68 per 1,000 gallons, and so on.

Always be on the lookout for leaks in your system, even small ones. Toilets may run at times and the hot water heater pressure relief valve may leak. Other potential leaks may be found in faucets, hose bibs, ice makers and refrigerator water taps. A 1/10 of a gallon leak per minute will result in the loss of

144 gallons per day. Over 30 days, that amounts to 4,300 gallons per month, which falls right in the middle of the 3,001 to 6,000 gallons per month usage category.

Letting the hose run at the base of your trees is not always a good idea. Forgetting to turn the water off for 24 hours can result in the use of 1,440 gallons at a rate of 1 gallon per minute.

For residents who leave their homes unattended in the winter, it is a good idea to have KVID turn the water off at the meter (free of charge). If for any reason you develop a leak on the residence side of the meter, you are responsible for the water usage. A pipe may freeze and the water escapes unseen, under the snow or down a bar ditch. Some leaks go underground and may appear a great distance from the source. Melting snow can produce a flow of

water that is indistinguishable from a water leak. The utility reads meters once a month and we are always on the lookout for the presence of water where there should be none.

Low flush toilets and low-flow shower heads are excellent investments. Older washing machines and dishwashers use significant amounts of water, so washing dishes by hand may be an option.

Keep an eye open for unusually green spots in your lawn. Your service line may break underground and provide water to a spot in your lawn. If you don't have a grass lawn, be on the lookout for darker colored earth, which may be wet from an underground leak.

For more information, call KVID at (928) 525-1775.

COCONINO COUNTY HOUSING REHAB PROGRAM

The Housing Rehabilitation Program offers owner-occupied emergency repairs to income-eligible residents who live outside the City of Flagstaff and within Coconino County.

Eligible applicants are offered no interest loans for emergency repairs, with no payments due until the house changes hands.

- You must be the owner and occupant of the home.
- Mobile homes on a permanent foundation qualify but you must own the land.
- Proof is required that you meet HUD low-income guidelines.
- The home must be fully insured.

Repairs must address immediate health and safety needs including, but not limited to, roofing, electrical, plumbing and heating/cooling systems.

For more information, call (928) 679-7465. Funding is limited so please contact us today!

INCOME ELIGIBILITY THRESHOLDS	
Area Median Income Limits for Coconino County	
NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD	TOTAL HOUSEHOLD MAXIMUM INCOME LIMITS
1	\$33,050
2	\$37,500
3	\$42,500
4	\$47,200
5	\$51,000
6	\$54,750
7	\$58,550
8 or more	\$62,300
* These numbers are subject to adjustment	

PREPARING FOR WINTER IN THE HIGH COUNTRY

During the winter months, Public Works receives calls from citizens asking about snow removal. Here are a few of the most commonly asked questions and some tips to assist the snow plow operators during the snow season.

Why do the snow plow operators leave a berm at the end of my driveway?

When snow is removed from a roadway, the operator piles it as far as possible off the shoulder of the road and into the County right-of-way to make room for additional snow from the next snow storm.

The County's right-of-way typically extends 30 feet out from the center of the road and may include a portion of your driveway. The motor graders have right-hand snow wings that cannot be rotated. To avoid placing a berm across the driveway, they would need to angle the blade, which would put some snow back onto the road. To do this at each driveway would significantly increase the time required for snow removal. While we regret this inconvenience, our primary responsibility is to provide safe and reliable roadways for all who use County roads, including fire trucks, ambulances and law enforcement vehicles.

The County does not maintain or plow my private road. What can I do?

The County is governed by Arizona Revised Statute 28-6705, which identifies what is necessary in order for a road to qualify for public funds to be spent on road maintenance. If a road is not currently in the County road maintenance system, and has not been accepted by the Board of Supervisors, the road must be laid out, constructed and completed in full accordance with standard engineering road specifications. When these conditions are met, the road may be considered for acceptance into the County system.

One alternative is to form a road improvement district. The basic requirement for formation is that an agreement to incur the necessary expenses must be reached by more than one-half of the property owners or owners of more than one-half of the



property within the limits of the proposed district. Each parcel would be assessed a share of the costs. For more details, call (928) 679-7176.

I live on a County maintained road. Why does it take so long to get it plowed?

The County's snow removal program is prioritized on a "greatest impact" basis. The main roads (arterials) are plowed first, then collector and residential streets. This allows citizens some mobility within the community while keeping roads clear for emergency services. Once these routes are accessible, side streets and cul-de-sacs are plowed. With quick and heavy snowfall, it may be necessary for the snow plow to remain on the arterial and collector roads for longer periods of time, which can cause a significant delay in getting to the residential streets. Also, your road may get plowed in the middle of the night and, when you wake up, you may find that more snow has accumulated.

What if I have an emergency and can't get out of my home?

In the event of an emergency, call 911. If the Sheriff's Office determines you have a qualifying emergency, a plow will be dispatched to help get you out.

**Coconino County Public Works
5600 E. Commerce Avenue
Flagstaff, AZ 86004
(928) 526-2735 or (928) 779-6630
www.coconino.az.gov/publicworks**



NO NEED TO TIGHTEN YOUR BELT TO GET IN SHAPE... AND EXPLORE THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Research shows that tree-filled parks, trails and open spaces are directly linked with long life. People who explore the great outdoors by walking, hiking and riding bicycles have experienced increased productivity at work, diminished stress levels, and improved health and quality of life. Children who are active outdoors grow healthier and smarter (especially in science), and are more self-aware and excited about nature.

Outdoor recreation is good for the mind, body, social life, personal economy and increased environmental awareness. Parks and Recreation offers free outdoor recreation education programs that promote stress reduction, engagement in physical activity, exploration and learning about the outdoors, the environment and cultural aspects of Coconino County.

Discover the Great Outdoors by Taking to the Trails

Fort Tuthill County Park trails are connected to the scenic **Flagstaff Urban Trail System**. The **Soldiers Trail** loops approximately five miles around the perimeter of the park. An easy-to-moderate trail with several challenging hills, it was named after soldiers who trained at the Fort when it was a National Guard training facility prior to World War II. The one-mile **Bridge Trail** is connected to Soldiers Trail. This nature trail is more challenging for mountain bicyclists, and is not recommended for equestrians.

The new **Highland Trail** connects Fort Tuthill County Park with Kachina Village via a two-mile rural-class trail. Volunteers helped build the trail last year as part of National Trails Day, with the County providing planning, construction and maintenance. The trail is a cooperative project with Coconino National Forest, District 3 Supervisor Matt Ryan and Forest Highlands. Highland Trail will be extended through Kachina Wetlands this year.

It's official! Construction of **Flagstaff Loop Trail** is underway after years of planning and hundreds of hours of agency and volunteer activity. The trail is shaped like a huge, 42-mile lasso around the City of Flagstaff. It connects several popular trail systems—Flagstaff Urban Trails System, Coconino National Forest System trails and the Arizona Trail. Fifty-two separate trail segments unify the development, signage and trail maintenance across changing jurisdictions, providing non-motorized users access to public lands/spaces. Parking and a new trailhead information kiosk will be located at Fort Tuthill County Park.

The project is a collaborative effort between Coconino National Forest, Flagstaff Biking Organization, City of Flagstaff, Coconino County and many volunteers. For more information, visit www.coconino.az.gov/parks.aspx or <http://flagstaffbiking.org>

Commune with Nature at Coconino County Parks

The historic **Fort Tuthill County Park** is nestled in cool Ponderosa pines 3 miles south of Flagstaff (Exit 337, off I-17). The 411-acre park features the

nationally-awarded Amphitheater, Military History Museum, campground, picnic areas, trails, tennis courts and the County Fairgrounds. It also offers equestrian facilities—a 360-stall stable, horse racetrack, grandstands and arenas.

Sawmill Multicultural Art & Nature County Park

was built on a brownfield, the location of one of Flagstaff's first sawmills. It includes a community art wall, performance stage, sculpture walk, backyard habitat demonstration gardens, and a straw bale and passive solar building. The Willow Bend Environmental Education Center, a non-profit partner, provides environmental education services.

Raymond County Park is located in Kachina Village at Exit 333, off I-17. Named after Dr. R.O. Raymond—a physician, stockman, humanitarian and philanthropist who moved to Flagstaff in 1909—the park spans 13.5 acres. It features a basketball court, picnic areas, playground and a Bold'R wall.

Adjacent to Raymond County Park is **Pumphouse Greenway**, a 129-acre linear park that emphasizes the protection of wetland habitat and water resources. It is the place to see elk, fox, deer, and a large variety of waterfowl and migratory birds. Visitors are encouraged to enjoy the wetland from dry ground—and please leash your dogs!

Overlooking the breathtaking San Francisco Peaks, **Peaks View County Park** is located on Koch Field Road in Doney Park. The park features a playground, picnic areas, hiking and equestrian trails, and the latest in sports fields—a state-of-the-art artificial turf for year-round enjoyment.

Louise Yellowman County Park is the first and only public park in Tuba City, serving the Navajo Nation and Hopi villages. Located on Main Street and Moenave, it features a state-of-the-art skate/bicycle park, basketball court, picnic ramadas, a group pavilion for community events and a mile-long walking trail.

Cataract Lake County Park and Campground in Williams (1500/1510 North Country Club Road) offers two day-use picnic ramadas, canoe access to the lake

and leisure fishing. Due to budgetary constraints, camping will not be offered at this facility. However, the park will remain open to walk-in day use from dawn to dusk. Visitors are asked to "pack it in—pack it out".

All County park facilities—such as ramadas, ball fields, campgrounds and equestrian facilities—are available for public and private events from May 1 to September 30.

County Inmate Work Crew

The County Jail District oversees a jail inmate work crew that works with Parks and Recreation on projects such as landscaping, fence construction, painting, and



site preparation and clean-up for the County Fair and Horse Races. **County residents have received over \$500,000 worth of work-hours since the program's inception in 2005.**

Enjoy Performances at the Amphitheater

Music enthusiasts do not need to travel far to hear national and regional favorites. Programs at the Amphitheater, including

Pickin' In The Pines on September 18-20, bring the community together and encourage out-of-town visitation, which is good for our local economy. Visit www.pinemountainamphitheater.com for more information about this beautiful outdoor venue.

Coconino County Fair

Party 'til the cows come home! The County Fair hosts its 60th birthday this coming Labor Day weekend, September 4-7, at the County Fairgrounds in Fort Tuthill County Park. Fairgoers can do their part to better the environment AND save the price of parking by taking the bus or riding their bike to the fair—and receive \$1 off the admission price.



A series of nature walks and bike rides from the Fort Tuthill trail hub will be conducted, and participants will receive discounted admission to the fair. Once inside the fair, the entertainment, animals, vendors, food, exhibits and carnival rides will warm hearts and create a true sense of community.

County based-businesses are offered a discounted booth rate to showcase their products and services at the fair. Businesses have access to 45,000 fair attendees over the four-day event.

Summer Events at Fort Tuthill

Fort Tuthill County Park is bubbling with a myriad of special events throughout the summer—from demolition derbies to horse shows. Some are free to spectators and offer hours of enjoyment. Check the Summer Event schedule for details.

Outdoor Recreation Education Program

In partnership with public and private entities, Parks and Recreation is introducing free outdoor recreation activities this summer. Activities will include guided full-moon hikes, outdoor adventure workshops, fishing derbies and more.



SUMMER EVENTS AT FORT TUTHILL COUNTY PARK

All events are held at Fort Tuthill County Park—3 miles south of Flagstaff, I-17 at exit 337.

JULY

DESERT SPORT HORSE/HUNTER JUMPER

Equestrian Events

Date/Time: July 30-August 2; 7:00am-7:00pm

Place: Grandstands

More Info: 602-501-4691

AUGUST

B & P ROPING

Team Roping

Date/Time: Saturday & Sunday, August 1-2

8:00am-5:00pm

Place: Posse Arena

More info: 928-925-5053

N.A.H.A. GYMKHANA

Equestrian Events

Date/Time: Friday and Saturday, August 8

8:30am-5:00pm

Place: Posse Arena – free for spectators

MOUNTAIN AIR DRESSAGE SHOW/ DRESSAGE IN THE PINES

Dressage Equestrian Event

Date/Time: August 19-20, 23-24

7:00am-5:00pm

Place: Grandstands

More info: 602-942-6062

SEPTEMBER

60TH ANNUAL COCONINO COUNTY FAIR: PARTY 'TIL THE COWS COME HOME!

Hands-on activities and cultural performances for the entire family. Carnival rides and live entertainment each day. Don't miss the Livestock Auction!

Date: Friday-Monday, September 4-7

Time: Friday-Sunday 10:00am-10:00pm

Monday 10:00am-4:00pm

Place: Fairgrounds

More Info: 928-679-8000

DEMOLITION DERBY-SUNRISE LIONS

Date: September 4, 5, 6

Place: Grandstands

More Info: soverton@npgcable.com

PINE COUNTRY CLASSIC

USTRC Sanctioned Team Roping

Date/Time: September 4-7; 9:00am

Place: Posse Arena

More Info: 254-968-0002

N.A.H.A. GYMKHANA

Equestrian Events

Date/Time: Saturday, September 12

8:30am-5:00pm

Place: Posse Arena – free for spectators

PICKIN' IN THE PINES

Annual bluegrass and acoustic music festival

presented by Flagstaff Friends of Traditional Music

Date: September 18-20

Place: Pine Mountain Amphitheater and Commercial Building

Charge: TBD

More info: www.pickininthepines.org

JORDAN CIRCUS

"A Sparkling Jewel Among Circuses of the World", annual family circus to benefit El Zaribah Shrine

Date: Thursday, September 22

Place: Grandstands

Charge: \$16.00 (adult) \$10.00 (child)

More info: 702-456-2642

For more information on our programs and activities, please contact:
Coconino County Parks & Recreation
HC 39 Box 3A, Fort Tuthill County Park
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
(928) 679-8000; FAX (928) 774-2572
www.coconino.az.gov/parks.aspx

PLEASE NOTE:

- Every effort is made to ensure accuracy of the information in this Calendar of Events. However, event details are subject to change. We suggest you call the telephone number or visit the website of any event you plan to attend. If none are provided, call 928-679-8000 for assistance.
- Parks & Recreation reserves the right to edit text and cannot be held responsible for changes or errors in content.
- Pine Mountain Amphitheater - visit www.pinemountainamphitheater.com
- Campground open May 1 through September 30. For reservations, call (928) 774-3464. For reservations before May 1, call (928) 679-8000.
- Picnic Ramadas open May 1 through September 30. For reservations, call (928) 679-8000.
- Stables open May 5-September 30. For more information, call (928) 779-1762 (after May 5).





SHERIFF'S OFFICE OFFERS COMMUNITY AWARENESS & PREPAREDNESS PROGRAMS

One of the main goals of the Sheriff's Office is to build strong community partnerships. They build trust and common goals between law enforcement and community members, and help address issues that affect our citizens' quality of life.

It is important that citizens understand how they can work with law enforcement to recognize crime and take appropriate action to prevent it, to live safely in their communities, and to be prepared for any type of emergency.

CITIZENS LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

While there are many exciting criminal justice and crime scene investigation shows on TV, the Sheriff's Office offers citizens a chance to see what really goes on at a law enforcement agency.

The Sheriff's Office has partnered with the Flagstaff Police Department and Arizona Department of Public Safety to sponsor the Northern Arizona Citizens Law Enforcement Academy (often referred to as the Citizens Police Academy). Two sessions are held annually, in the spring and fall, over a thirteen-week period.

Participants are typically interested in a career in law enforcement, detention services, crime investigation, victim services or related professions. Others simply want to know more about law enforcement. After completing the program, some have become active members of the Sheriff's Office or the Police Department's civilian volunteer programs.

In the process, citizens have an opportunity to meet with agency heads, such as Sheriff Bill Pribil and Chief of Police Brent Cooper, and many people working in the criminal justice field. The program consists of classroom lectures, hands-on training and field trips—including a tour of the County detention facility, Northern Arizona Crime Lab and the County Medical Examiner's Office.



Deputy Moya teaches gun safety to a participant of the Citizens Law Enforcement Academy.

Topics include community policing, death investigations, explosive devices, firearm and gun safety, traffic accident investigations and enforcement, DUI detection and apprehension, search and rescue, winter weather survival, domestic violence detection and prevention, use of force, computerized firearms, drug interdiction and drug abuse prevention, and an overview of the Family Crimes Unit.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

One of the most effective ways to **prevent and deter criminal activity, attend to home and personal security, address the safety of children and the elderly, and to alleviate fear and isolation** is through Neighborhood Watch, which is similar to the Block Watch program commonly conducted in urban areas. This concept of "neighbors looking out for neighbors" originated over thirty years ago. The ultimate goal of the program is to address and improve factors that are adversely affecting the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

In the past two years, over **fifty** Neighborhood Watch meetings have been held in Doney Park, Timberline/Fernwood, Munds Park, Sherwood Forest, Kaibab Estates West, Tuba City, Kachina Village and Mountainaire.

In addition to presentations on home and personal security and safety, the awareness and prevention of drug abuse, and the lawful and safe operation of ATVs, Community Deputies describe the type of activity they respond to in the area. Residents learn how to observe and report suspicious activity and reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime.

Meeting agendas often include presentations from various government agencies, such as Public Works/Roads, Animal Management, Health, Assessor, local fire districts, and the U.S. Forest Service. The meetings also provide an opportunity to explore partnerships and may include information on community activities and social events such as potlucks and picnics.

Members of the Board of Supervisors regularly attend meetings and have provided funding to assist with projects such as the purchase and posting of Neighborhood Watch signs. The signs serve as a warning to opportunistic criminals that the area residents are intolerant of criminal activity or disruptive behavior, and that neighbors look out for each other and report suspicious activity.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS (CERT)

Ever seen a group of people with green helmets and vests and wondered, "What's that about"? Chances are you've seen a group of citizens who have received Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

The CERT program educates people about disaster preparedness for a wide range of emergency events. In Northern Arizona, the Sheriff's Office has taken the lead in delivering the Basic Community Emergency Response Teams training to more than 400 community members throughout the County. Partners include the Coconino County Emergency Services Manager, Flagstaff Police Department, and many of the rural fire districts.

CERT instructors outline what to expect following a major disaster in terms of immediate services, and the importance of individual responsibility for mitigation and preparedness. Class members are

trained in basic lifesaving skills with emphasis on decision-making skills, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number of people. Teams are formed so they can train and work together effectively as an extension of first

responder services to provide immediate help to victims until professional services arrive.

In our communities, CERT members have assisted with evacuation notification during wildland fires, staffed safety road blocks, provided traffic control, and assisted in emergency operation centers. CERT members also help during non-emergency events such as distributing emergency preparedness information at the Northern Arizona Home Show, Coconino County Fair and the National Night Out event.

Active CERT groups meet on a regular basis in Flagstaff, Forest Lakes, Munds Park, Parks, Tusayan and Kaibab Estates West. Community members in Leupp, Tuba City and Tonalea/Red Lake have also received CERT training.

Successful program graduates are given a CERT backpack containing emergency supplies. It takes 24 hours to complete the classroom and hands-on training, which can usually be completed over a weekend.

HELP PREVENT THEFTS OR LOSS OF RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT

The seasons and landscape of Northern Arizona provide many recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. Whether you are hiking, biking or playing in the snow, make sure your day of fun does not end in a day of misfortune. Take precautions to protect your vehicle and recreational gear from being targeted by an opportunistic thief.

Many thefts are preventable. They can occur when the victim simply leaves his/her equipment unattended for a matter of minutes. The good news is that you can prevent many of these thefts or losses by following a few simple tips. Remember, it is your responsibility to protect your equipment.

Always lock your equipment when you leave it unattended. This applies to skis and snowboards as well as bicycles and other gear. If there are no locking devices where you are recreating, consider purchasing your own locking device and bringing it with you. Always lock your vehicle, and do not leave valuables (wallets, purses, laptops, etc.) inside, especially in plain sight. Keep a record of the brand, model number or type, serial number, color and any other distinguishing features of your recreational equipment.

Also, keep a record of credit cards and card numbers that you carry in your wallet in a safe place. These records will help you if you need to report a lost or stolen purse or wallet. Make sure cell phones and cameras are secured so they do not fall out of your pockets or backpack. If you are unable to lock your equipment, have a member of your party remain with it to prevent possible theft.



Tusayan CERT members learn cribbing techniques.



The Sheriff's Office is committed to working with the judicial system to investigate thefts and prosecute offenders. The more information you can provide about your equipment, the more likely it can be identified if stolen items are recovered. Report suspicious activity, persons or vehicles to the Sheriff's Office or Flagstaff Police Department.

Protect your valuables and be aware of your surroundings. Help make Coconino County a place that does not provide criminals with the opportunity to set up shop in our community.

PROTECTING AGAINST FRAUD AND THEFT

It is hard to ignore the huge impact that fraud and theft have nationwide. In our current technology driven age, individuals can be victims of a perpetrator who lives in another state or country. Locally, citizens often find themselves victims of crimes when they forget to lock their vehicle or leave valuable items within the eye and reach of opportunistic criminals.

Identity Theft

Identify theft is one of the most rapidly expanding criminal efforts around the world today. Criminals are

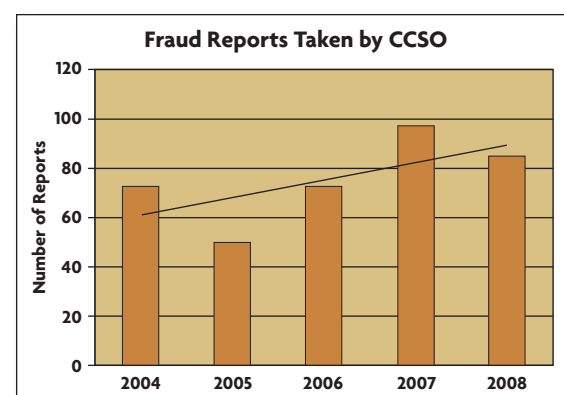
successful in this area due to several factors, including the current economic crisis, electronic information, the low risk and high dividends it presents, and exceptional knowledge of available informational resources. Perpetrators gather their information through advertisements, newspapers and periodicals, mail services, internet information, public records, telephone and cell phone conversations, and personal and business transactions.

To reduce the chances of becoming a victim of identity theft via the following methods, visit the Sheriff's Office website at www.coconino.az.gov/sheriff; and click on Fraud/ID Theft Information under Citizen Services.

- Telephone, Mail and Internet Solicitors
- Mail Fraud
- Rural Route Delivery Protection
- Public Records
- Fraudulent Schemes

If you believe you are the victim of identity theft or fraud, what should you do?

The most important message is, first and foremost, to protect your personal and financial information in every circumstance. Routinely check your credit



The number of fraud related cases has shown an increasing trend over the past five years.

record. Thoroughly examine bank and credit statements upon receipt for evidence of suspicious activity. You may want to consider a fraud alert notification program which can help you track credit applications and stop those that are not legitimate. If anything seems out of the ordinary in your accounts, contact your financial institution immediately for clarification and follow instructions on how to proceed. If identity theft or fraud is discovered, contact law enforcement and report the activity.

INMATES RECEIVE TRAINING TO POLISH JOB SKILLS AND MAKE POSITIVE LIFE CHANGES

The Sheriff's Office strives to reduce inmate recidivism through various inmate programs. Mentoring and training helps inmates make positive changes in their lives, and be better prepared to deal with the challenges they may face when re-entering the community after their time is served. Some may face pressures to use alcohol or drugs, and some may struggle to find a job in an effort to care for themselves and their families. Here are two programs that help them deal with these challenges.

INMATES BENEFIT FROM JOB SKILLS PROGRAM

An important factor for a positive re-entry into the community includes successful employment. This is a challenge for former inmates filling out job applications that ask for previous employment and criminal history information. They also may be discouraged by employers who will not consider hiring someone with a criminal record.

Detention Services offers inmates help with these employment questions through a six-week Job Skills Program, with instructors experienced in career education and counseling. Classes and workshops are provided in **Career Decision Making and Planning, Job Search Skills, Resume Writing, Completing Job Applications, Effective Interviewing Skills and Skills to Stay Employed.**

Inmates complete an inventory that helps them identify their career interests and barriers to employment. The course provides them with information on local employers who are open to hiring someone with a criminal record; how to answer questions about past felonies, misdemeanors, and gaps in employment; and information on assistance programs for starting their own business.

Responses to the program have been overwhelmingly positive. Four Job Skills programs and a Job and Community Services Fair for inmates are offered throughout the year.



Instructor Janetta Beaumont works with inmates in the Job Skills Program.

EXODUS PROGRAM CONTINUES TO PROVIDE INMATES WITH TOOLS TO RECOVER

The EXODUS program has celebrated many achievements in its second full year and is proud to announce the addition of a treatment program for female inmates. The first group of women entered the program in August 2008 and over 50 women have received treatment.

This program follows the same model as the men's program to address drug and alcohol abuse and other life challenges. The women's program provides a curriculum designed to empower women to recover from addiction and function as healthy mothers and productive members of society. It addresses issues of domestic violence, trauma, parenting and health from the perspective of women's recovery.

Last year, the program developed several new partnerships and collaborations. EXODUS is now working with the NAU Intern Program to provide training related to an intern's field of study and enhance EXODUS staffing.

Other new collaborations include the addition of County Health Department classes on smoking cessation and sexually transmitted diseases; and an instructor from the Art of Living teaches stress management skills. The newest collaboration is with Navajo Behavioral Health Services, which will be leading Talking Circle meetings in the detention facility hogan.

Former program graduates have been brought into the recovery program as motivational guest speakers to provide encouragement and serve as role models for other inmates in the program.

Grants help pay for transitional housing, further treatment, and other aftercare needs that support continued sobriety. The most recent three-year grant was from the Department of Justice for \$75,000.

In its third year, EXODUS hopes to further address the issue of underage drinking in our community. In the past, approximately 8% to 9% of the participants have been under the age of 21. EXODUS is another opportunity to give young people tools to combat alcohol and other addictive behaviors so they can begin the journey to positive life changes.

For more information on the Sheriff's Office programs, call (928) 226-5089; toll-free (800) 338-7888 or visit www.coconino.az.gov/sheriff.aspx?id=395.



A GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING

VALUATION TIME PERIOD

- Begin the valuation process in September 2007—using sales information from prior 18 months (January 2006 through June 2007) for 2009 tax year.
- Sales information is analyzed and preliminary values are submitted to the Arizona Department of Revenue for review to assure statutory compliance by December 1.
- After it is determined they are in compliance, final values for 2009 are set and approved by the Arizona Department of Revenue for all properties throughout the County.
- Notices of Value are printed and mailed by the statutory date of March 1, 2008.

TAX ESTIMATOR LINK

www.coconino.az.gov/uploadedFiles/Assessor/TaxEstimationforCoconino.xls

Jan. 2006–
Jun. 2007

Sep. 2007–
Nov. 2007

Jan. 2008

Feb. 2008

Apr. 2008

Aug. 2008

Valuation
Time
Period

Assessor
Market
Analysis

Statutory
Valuation
Date

Notification to
Taxpayers of
2009 Values

Taxpayer
Appeal
Deadline

Assessor's
Deadline to
Respond to
Taxpayer
Appeals

HOW 2008 TAXES WERE DISTRIBUTED

Coconino County General Fund: \$7,317,594

CITIES

Flagstaff	\$12,253,760
Williams	510,310

FIRE DISTRICTS

Sedona	\$3,236,348
Summit	3,149,490
Highlands	3,035,176
Pinewood	1,603,201
Fort Valley	1,049,841
Blue Ridge	727,850
Flagstaff Ranch	477,670
Ponderosa	462,094
Forest Lakes	448,597
Tusayan	332,432
Lockett Ranch	204,227
Mormon Lake	122,637
Sherwood Forest	104,748
Greenehaven	95,623
Westwood Estates	77,470
Kaibab Estates West	65,960
Junipine	53,048
The Woods	4,622

EDUCATION

Flagstaff USD	\$58,739,684
Coconino Community College	8,180,157
Page USD	4,622,821
Williams USD	4,012,609
Sedona-Oak Creek USD	3,439,306
Grand Canyon USD	1,717,933
Main Consolidated SD	1,575,639
Chevelon Butte USD	932,714
Caviat Joint Tech District	862,975
Fredonia-Moccasin USD	758,559
Tuba City USD	670,908
Ash Fork USD	467,955
Regional Accommodation School	192,000
Valley Academy Ed District	97,834
NATIVE Joint Tech District	7,245
County Education District	3,171

OTHER SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Library District	\$4,717,202
Flood Control District	2,389,810
Fire District Assistance	2,000,628
Williams Hospital District	1,435,668
Page Hospital District	1,253,681
Forest Lakes Water	334,000
Majestic Views Water	17,276
Williams Facilities	3,600

TAXPAYER APPEALS PROCESS

- A Notice of Valuation is sent to each property owner by March 1, 2008 for the next tax year (2009).
- The property owner has 60 days from the deadline date as printed on the Notice of Valuation to file an appeal with the County Assessor's Office.
- The Assessor must rule on all appeals no later than August 15, 2008.
- If the owner does not agree with the Assessor's decision, he/she may appeal to the Board of Equalization within 25 days from the postmark on the Assessor's decision, or directly to Tax Court before December 15, 2008.
- The Board of Equalization decision will be mailed to the property owner no later than October 15, 2008.

DID YOU KNOW?

Coconino County has the lowest County property tax rate in the State of Arizona!



MANAGING YOUR PROPERTY TAXES

TAXING ENTITIES SET RATES

- When it comes to setting tax rates, each taxing entity is responsible for setting their own rates through the public hearing process. For example, school taxes are determined by the elected school board of each individual school district and fire district governing boards set their rates for the taxpayers who live within their boundaries and receive their services. Once the rates are adopted by these agencies, they are forwarded to Coconino County to be used in calculating the property tax bill of each property owner.
- Coconino County also holds a public meeting, including a Truth in Taxation hearing, on the second Tuesday in July, to set the property tax levy that will be assessed for the Coconino County General Fund.

WHERE DOES MY TAX DOLLAR GO?



Education 64%



Special Districts 20%



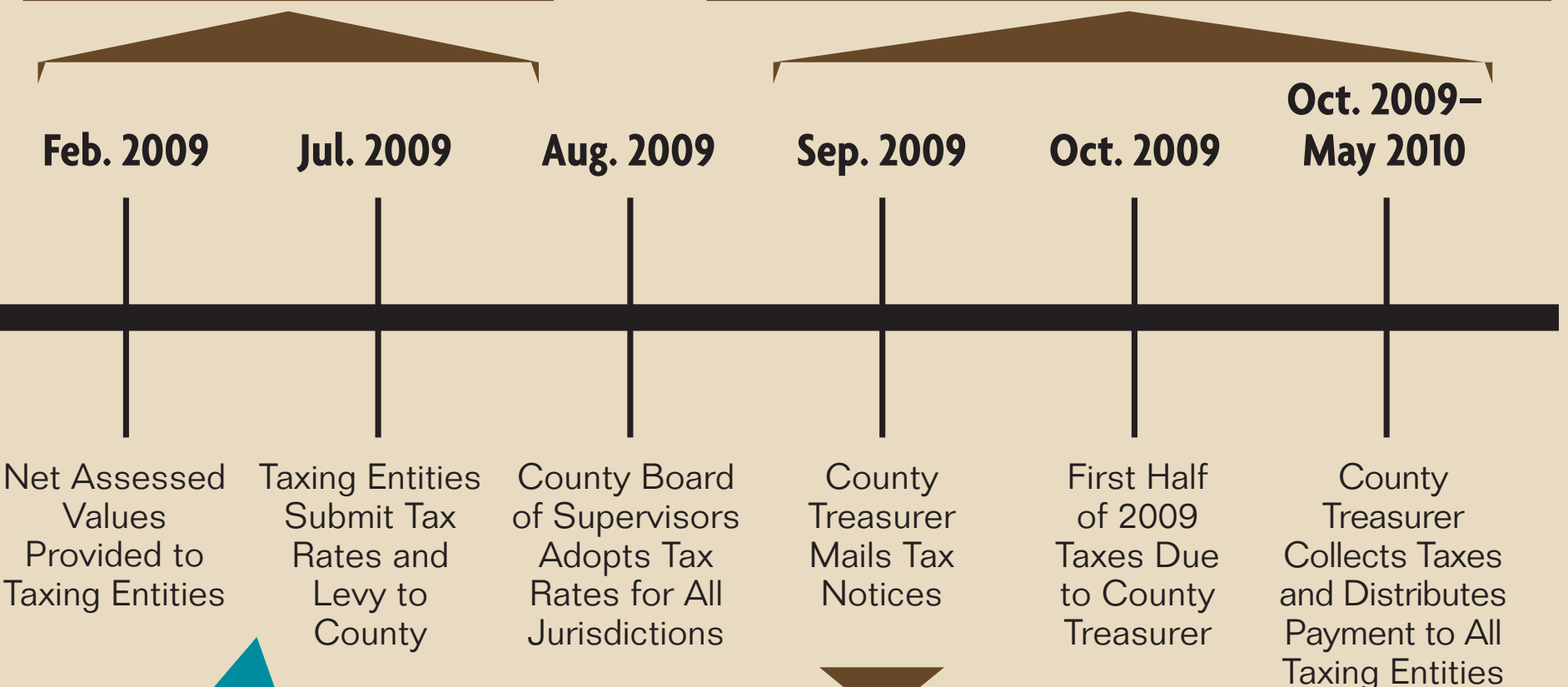
Cities 10%



Coconino County General Fund 6%

The Coconino County General Fund keeps less than 6% of all taxes collected. These taxes support General Government, Public Safety and Justice Systems, Health Services, Social Services, Community Development and Parks and Recreation.

*Percentage tax distributions and taxing districts vary by property location. The percentages above represent the total distribution of all taxes collected by the Coconino County Treasurer.



YOU ARE HERE

- 2009 tax notices will be mailed in September.
- 2010 Notices of Value have been sent and the appeals process is closed.
- 2011 valuation time period is closing; notification of 2011 values will be mailed in February 2010.

COUNTY TREASURER MAILS TAX NOTICES

- Annual real and personal property tax notices are mailed each year around the last week of September for that calendar year. As the legally responsible party, all property owners will receive a tax notice. If a mortgage company pays the taxes, the notice should be considered a courtesy copy to the owner. Mortgage companies will request an electronic tax file for all their clients and will send payments electronically.
- The County Treasurer has the statutory responsibility to bill, collect and distribute property taxes to each of the taxing jurisdictions within the County. This relieves the individual taxing entities from having to bill and collect their own taxes—and relieves taxpayers from receiving multiple tax bills (one from each jurisdiction).
- The annual tax notice shows the assessed values being used to calculate the property taxes, as well as the primary and secondary rates. There are two payment coupons. Taxpayers have the option to pay their annual taxes in two equal installments, the first installment due by November 1 and the second installment due by May 1 of the following year; or in one full payment, with a December 31 deadline.



ATTENTION VETERANS! RECORD YOUR MILITARY DISCHARGE PAPERS **FOR FREE!**

Veterans, safeguard your military discharge papers by recording them with the County Recorder's office **free of charge**.

Once your original papers have been recorded, they will be returned to you. Certified copies are always available, also free of charge, at any time after they are recorded. These documents are stored electronically, but are not available to the general public. To obtain a copy, or to view a DD-214, acceptable identification must be shown by the discharged person or designated appointee.

DD-214 certified copies are used to document military service for various benefits, home loans, government health benefits, student loans, identification, burial benefits, retirement, employment and membership in veterans' organizations.

Information is also available on obtaining military service records at the U.S. National Archives & Records Administration website, **www.archives.gov/veterans**. You may request these records by fax, mail or online.

Recording your DD-214 protects your military discharge papers for you and your family. The paperwork may be mailed or recorded in person at the Coconino County Recorder's office, 110 E Cherry, Flagstaff, AZ, 86001.

For more information, call the Recorder's office at (928) 779-6585 or toll-free (800) 793-6181.

FORT TUTHILL MUSEUM OFFERS 108 YEARS OF ARIZONA MILITARY HISTORY AT A **BARGAIN PRICE**

The Fort Tuthill Military History Museum offers individuals and families a wealth of information on the military history of Arizona's famous 158th Infantry Regiment. The museum also offers free special events that feature collector displays of uniforms and weapons. Kids and adults will also enjoy the interactive experience of calling each other on the museum field telephone hook-up.

The budget friendly admission price is \$3 for adults, and free for children 12 and under, active military, reserve and National Guard personnel.

Displays trace the distinguished history of the 158th Infantry Regiment from its organization in 1865 (as the 1st Regiment Arizona Volunteers) to the present day service of the 1st Battalion 158th Infantry. The story of this proud unit is illustrated in pictures, documents, three dimensional displays and weapons.

Although the 158th Infantry was deactivated in 1967, its traditions and heritage are carried on by the 1st Battalion 158th Infantry, activated in 2005. The Battalion returned from a year-long Afghanistan deployment in March, 2008. Displays and artifacts illustrate the unit's service and combat experiences during that deployment.



The museum is located within Ft Tuthill County Park; I-17 at Exit 337 (3 miles south of Flagstaff). Museum hours are Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Sundays, noon to 4:00 p.m. Depending on staff availability, the museum may also be open Thursdays and Fridays, noon to 4:00 p.m. Group tours may be scheduled by appointment.

For more information, call Jim Warbasse at (692) 944-0359, Lon Wolff at (928) 284-1535, or the museum directly on weekends at (928) 226-0966.

COMMUNITY SERVICES EMERGENCY SERVICES PROVIDES A HELPING HAND

Community Services lends a hand to those facing crisis situations in a variety of ways. We provide emergency services to low-income individuals who meet the eligibility criteria—and many of these programs are at 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. This assistance includes:

- Utility payment assistance
- Move-in utility deposit assistance
- Eviction prevention/mortgage foreclosure assistance
- Rent/mortgage payment assistance
- Replacement and/or repair of utility related appliances
- Food box and clothing referral
- Flagstaff bus tickets (on a limited basis)

Our case management program offers one-on-one assistance to low-income individuals and families in managing day-to-day living needs. We will evaluate an individual's situation, assess their needs and coordinate services within the community to help them develop a plan to solve a crisis situation and move toward stability again.

The goal of this program is to increase and maintain individual and family well-being, independence and self-sufficiency.



We encourage anyone who is experiencing a crisis situation to contact our office at (928) 679-7425; toll-free (800) 866-822-9298.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HELPS CITIZENS CLAIM EARNED INCOME TAX CREDITS

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program had another very successful year. By providing free tax services, VITA brought in over \$1.7 million in tax credits for County citizens who earned less than \$42,000 last year. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) estimates that approximately \$7 million dollars of Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC) goes unclaimed annually in Coconino County.

EITC is an IRS tax program designed to lift working families out of poverty. This money can help families pay bills, support children and even pay medical expenses. Next year, the maximum EITC available for a family with three children is \$5,657 (income level affects the exact amount). Individuals earning just \$1 can receive \$2 in EITC.

"EITC really helps working families who are just trying to make ends meet," said VITA Site Coordinator Tom Broderick. "It's great to help families get the money they need to pay their bills and start some savings."

VITA partnership members include Coconino County, United Way of Northern Arizona, City of Flagstaff, Flagstaff Unified School District, Arizona Community Foundation, Wells Fargo, and the Americorps Vista Volunteer program.

Volunteers

The VITA program expands its service area each year due to dedicated local volunteers who work as Tax Assistors. These volunteers help low-income community members complete their tax returns, greet clients, prepare the site and screen clients to ensure they have the proper documentation prior to seeing a Tax Assistor.

The IRS provides the necessary training and software. For more information, contact United Way of Northern Arizona at (928) 773-9813; email vita@nazunitedway.org.



FREE AND LOW COST PROGRAMS

Medical Reserve Corps – Volunteering During a Slow Economy • Dental Services – Clinic and School-based Animal Management – Low Cost Rabies Vaccination Clinics • Prescription Drug Discount Cards Food Handler Training and Certification – Back Country Guide Training Immunizations • Birth Certificates • Health Education • SexFYI • Did you know?...

LOW-COST RABIES VACCINATION CLINICS

Each year, Animal Management staff teams up with area veterinarians to offer low cost rabies vaccination clinics for dogs and cats. The cost for a rabies vaccination is \$6. Clinic schedules are available at www.coconino.az.gov/health.

During the past year, rabies has been found in several locations in Coconino County. As a reminder, it is important to always use caution while engaging in outdoor activities, and avoid any wild animal—particularly one that appears to be sick, is dead, or is behaving in a strange manner.



The following precautions will help reduce risk of exposure to rabies:

- Have your pet vaccinated against rabies.
- Avoid ALL wild animals.
- Report any unusual behavior. If you notice animals behaving in a strange manner, call Animal Management at (928) 679-8756; or the Sheriff's Office after hours at (928) 774-4523.
- If hiking with a dog, keep it on a leash no more than six feet in length and don't let your dog wander freely on the trails.

Rabies is an infectious disease that affects the nervous system, including the brain and spinal cord of animals and humans. It is caused by a virus present in the saliva of infected animals and is transmitted to humans through contact with the live virus. Rabies is nearly always fatal once symptoms have begun. People who have been exposed to rabid animals often need a series of treatments to prevent the development of the disease.

- Citizens in need of a car seat may attend the **Car Seat Safety Class** in Page, 467 Vista Avenue; or in Flagstaff, 2625 N. King Street. The class is free and a car seat will be provided to citizens who cannot afford to purchase one. Call (928) 679-7272 for more information.
- The **"Children Are Precious Passengers"** project provides child restraint education and a car seat in the event a citizen receives a citation for not having a child in a car seat. Participants attend this class for a \$25 fee and their citation may be dismissed.
- **Women, Infant and Children (WIC)** services are available for pregnant women, and women and their children—ages birth to 5 years. WIC offers education on healthy eating habits, supplemental food, and referrals to other community services. For information on eligibility and necessary documents, call (928) 608-6108 in Page; or (928) 679-7250 in Flagstaff.
- The **Health Department Clinic**, 2625 N. King Street, Flagstaff, offers vaccinations for children and adults on a sliding fee scale. Many vaccines for children are free and the maximum cost is \$15. For adults, the cost is primarily based on ability to pay. Call (928) 679-7222 to schedule an appointment; visit www.coconino.az.gov/health for additional clinic locations.
- **Reproductive Health** provides low cost family planning and STD/HIV testing services. The service is free to clients at less than 150% of the Federal Poverty Level, and based on ability to pay for others. Call (928) 679-7222 for details.
- **Teen Clinic** offers free and sliding fee scale reproductive health services for teens. Available on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at the Flagstaff Health Department, 2625 N. King Street; and once a month in Williams. Call (928) 679-7222 for information.
- The **Home Health Program** provides free nursing, housekeeping and respite services to qualifying low income elderly and disabled individuals. For more information, call (928) 679-7222; toll-free (877) 679-7272.

Visit www.coconino.az.gov/health for more information on our programs and services.

FOOD HANDLER'S AND BACK COUNTRY GUIDE CERTIFICATION ONLINE TRAINING

Getting a Food Handler's Certificate and Back Country Guide Certificate is even easier. Users can access the training at their convenience from their own computer or applicants can now access the online training at several locations, including the Health Department.

Thousands of Coconino County residents apply to get a Food Handler's Certificate each year. The Food Handler course and certificate are required for anyone who handles food for the public. This includes not only restaurant workers, but also food workers at retail outlets and non-profits, such as schools, churches and civic groups. The certificate is valid for three years.

Anyone interested in training and testing for a Food Handler's Certificate can log onto the Health Department website at www.coconino.az.gov/health and follow the link to the NAU website, or visit www.az-hospitality.org.

The Backcountry Environmental Health Online Training is for backcountry operators, and is based on the current FDA Food Code for river guides and other backcountry outfitters nationwide. Users can access the training manual and the training course at their convenience from their own computer at www.coconino.az.gov/health.

Additional information is available on the Health Department website at www.coconino.az.gov/health or by calling 928-679-8750.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION ASSISTANCE REGISTRATION

Due to the need in our communities for emergency preparedness, a pre-registration process has been developed for Coconino County citizens who may require assistance during an emergency evacuation. The **Emergency Evacuation Assistance Registry** is designed for people with special needs, such as mobility issues, inability to drive, and sight or hearing problems, that may hinder their ability to evacuate during an emergency situation.

The pre-registration information will be used to assist emergency personnel in determining the transportation needs of these individuals during emergencies that require evacuation—such as wildfires, flooding or hazardous material spills.

This information will be kept confidential and will be maintained by the County Health Department. For more information, or to register, visit www.coconino.az.gov/health.



VOLUNTEERING— EVEN MORE IMPORTANT IN A DOWN ECONOMY

When the economy takes a downward turn, the need for volunteering in our community rises. Volunteering makes an important economic contribution by filling the gap with activities that would otherwise need to be funded by limited sources or through funds that may no longer be available. There are several volunteer opportunities at the Health Department, including working at the fall flu clinics and helping with Back to School events in the late summer.

One volunteer opportunity is the Coconino County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). The MRC was established by the Health Department to supplement existing resources and to help make our community more resilient in the event of a disaster. MRC volunteers participate in community preparedness activities, such as exercises for shelters, mass prophylaxis, vaccination clinics and other emergency scenarios. Volunteers train with local response partners.



Being an MRC volunteer does not require a specific time commitment beyond orientation and training—much of which can be obtained online at no charge. There are periodic meetings, trainings and drills for those who can attend. Current members of the MRC include physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, veterinarians, and physician assistants.

If you would like to hear more about
the MRC, call (928) 679-7275.



Arizona Self Help is a free, easy and confidential website that can help you determine if you are eligible for 25 programs and services. Information is available in English and Spanish from any computer with internet access.

Find out if you may qualify for:

• Food & Nutrition

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP – the new federal name for food stamps), Women, Infants & Children (WIC), school meals, emergency food assistance

• Housing & Utilities

Section 8 housing assistance, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, utility discount programs

• Financial Benefits

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Federal Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit, Federal Child Tax Credit, Individual Development Accounts (IDAs), Federal Hope Tax Credit, Federal Lifetime Learning Tax Credit

• Health Care

AHCCCS, Kids Care, Arizona CoppeRx Card, Medicare and Medicare Savings, Medicare Part D

• Child and Family Resources

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), childcare assistance, Head Start

• Senior and Disability Services

Social Security retirement, Senior Adult Independent Living (SAIL), Social Security disability programs, Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCS)

• Jobs and Employment

One-Stop Career Centers

Log on to www.arizonaselfhelp.org or,
for more information, call (602) 604-0640.
2700 N. 3rd St., Suite 3040, Phoenix, AZ 85004

DENTAL CLINIC OFFERS LOW COST AND SCHOOL-BASED SERVICES

“Brush your teeth” is one of the mantras parents recite daily. The plea may sound like a broken record, especially when paired with other common appeals such as “wash your hands”, “cover your cough” and “clean your room”. Persistent parents hope that repeating these words will prompt kids into action.

The Dental Services staff encourages parents to continue their efforts in promoting dental health. Because younger children, up to age seven, do not have the manual dexterity required to brush effectively, parents should help them brush their teeth. Helping a child learn to brush assists them in developing a crucial habit that will last a lifetime.

The Dental Clinic is located in Flagstaff at 304 S. Humphreys. Dental services are provided on a sliding fee scale and include comprehensive exams, cleanings, fluoride treatments, dental sealants, restorative care, extractions, consultations and referrals. Children and adults who are uninsured, or are on AHCCCS/ KidsCare and are under 250% of Federal Poverty Level guidelines, are eligible for services.



The Health Department also offers several programs throughout the year that focus on children's dental health. These programs include school-based portable dental services. The Portable Dental Clinic was introduced in spring 2008 and provides comprehensive dentistry to qualifying children on school campuses throughout the County.

Another important school program is the Dental Sealant Program. Services are available to 2nd and 6th graders who qualify. During the 2009 school year, the program provided services to several Flagstaff schools, Ashfork and Cottonwood Elementary Schools and Desert View Elementary School in Page.

The Healthy Smiles/Healthy Bodies Program offers dental checks; and records height and weight for 3rd graders. The Give Kid's a Smile Program is offered by the Health Department and local dentists. This service provides dentistry to qualifying children.

For more information, call the Dental Clinic at (928) 679-7825.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The cost of smoking over a lifetime for a 24 year-old woman is \$86,000. The cost for a man is \$183,000.
- Cigarette smoking kills an estimated 438,000 Americans a year.
- On average, smoking reduces life expectancy by 14 years.
- Each cigarette smoked costs the smoker an estimated 5 minutes and 30 seconds from his/her life.
- Total health care costs for smoking related health problems are over \$72 billion a year.
- Secondhand smoke costs the U.S. \$4.98 billion in annual health care costs.
- About 5 million of today's teens will die prematurely from smoking, leading to about \$200 billion in future health care costs.



Tobacco Use in Arizona:

- 77,400 high school students smoke, or 22.2% of all high school students
- 8.4% of males use smokeless tobacco.
- 227,000 kids are exposed to secondhand smoke daily in the home.
- 6,800 adults die each year in Arizona as a result of smoking.



PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARD



Spend less on your prescriptions by using the Coconino County Prescription Drug Discount Card. This program helps consumers cope with high prescription drug prices, and offers an average savings of 20% off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs.

Use it any time your prescription is not covered by insurance. Enrollment is free and there are no limits. You do not have to be a Medicare beneficiary to enroll. The cards may be used by **all** County residents, regardless of age, income or existing health coverage, and are accepted at over 80% of the County's pharmacies.

Visit www.coconino.az.gov/health for a list of participating pharmacies and card pick-up locations. Or stop by the Health Department to pick up your free card today—
2625 N. King Street in Flagstaff;
and 467 Vista Avenue in Page.

SExFYI

SexFYI is a sexual health education text messaging program for teens. The program provides teens a confidential way to get automated, medically accurate answers to commonly asked sexual health questions. SexFYI also provides options to find additional information and sexual health medical help.

SexFYI is easy to use! Simply text "SexFYI" for English or "SexFYIesp" for Spanish—to 61827—then choose from the variety of menu options. There are no added charges, just standard text messaging rates. Users will receive return text messages containing information and locations for clinical services, such as the Coconino County Teen Clinic, which offers reproductive health services for teens (free or sliding fee scale).

The SexFYI program has a companion website, www.sexfyi.org, which offers teens and parents additional sexual health information.

The goal of SexFYI is to influence teens to make responsible choices and reduce the high rate of teen pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections in Coconino County.

The program is currently available throughout the County. Future plans include expanding the service throughout Arizona. Similar sexual health text messaging programs have already proven to be successful in San Francisco and Washington, D.C.

SexFYI is made possible through funding from Arizona Family Planning and the Arizona Department of Health Services, and is managed by the Coconino County Health Department.

For more information, call the Health Department at (928) 679-7222; toll-free (877) 679-7272.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE PROGRAM SAVES RESIDENTS TIME AND MONEY

Need a birth certificate for your summer travels or school entry in the fall? The Health Department offers certified copies of Arizona birth certificates at their Flagstaff location, 2625 N. King Street. Birth certificates may be requested in person Monday through Friday, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and noon to 4:00 p.m.

The birth certificate service has been well received by County residents. Staff has issued thousands of birth certificates since the program began in 2006, saving citizens time and travel expenses.

ONLY records for births that occurred in Arizona will be issued.

- Births from 1990 to present - \$15 each and are considered complete.
- Births from 1950 through 1989 – Only an "As Is" birth certificate can be issued. The "As Is" birth certificate is a computer generated certified copy and is limited to basic information. Cost is \$15 with NO REFUND and is issued the same day.
- Births prior to 1950 – The Health Department cannot issue certificates for births that occurred prior to 1950. The applicant must mail a completed application and payment to the State Office of Vital Records.
- Corrections and Amendments – The Health Department can only correct or amend records for births that occurred from 1997 to present. For births that occurred prior to 1997, paperwork must be sent to the State Office of Vital Records. The cost is \$23 and includes a birth certificate.

To obtain a certified copy of a birth certificate from another state, you must contact that state's Office of Vital Records.

Payment in the form of cash, cashier's check, money order or personal check is accepted. Applications are available at the Health Department; or visit www.azdhs.gov/vitalrcd/forms.htm.

Future plans include issuing birth certificates in Page, Williams and Tuba City. For more information, call the Health Department at (928) 679-7272 or toll-free at (877) 679-7272.

DID YOU KNOW?

Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

- The average WIC food package results in a cost savings in groceries of about \$55 per month.
- Exclusively nursing mothers receive extra foods and an average food package valued at about \$65.
- Mothers of fully formula fed infants receive about \$135 per month in formula.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

- The average food box contents would cost an average family about \$30 to \$40 per month in groceries.

Arizona Farmer's Market

- Each eligible family member receives a booklet worth \$30 in vouchers that can be used at the community Farmer's Market.

Breastfeeding Program/WIC

- We can use food dollars to purchase breast pumps that are worth about \$100 per personal pump.



IS IT CHEAPER TO PREPARE YOUR MEALS AT HOME OR EAT OUT?

Total cost of food for one day (price per meal per person)

- Prepared at home: \$5.14
- Fast Food: \$13.23

One day savings for food prepared at home: \$8.09
One year savings: \$2,952.85

Source: Bureau of USDZ Nutrition Programs

Using the 2005 Dietary Guidelines For Americans, how many calories do you get in a day?

	TOTAL CALORIES	TOTAL FAT (G)	SODIUM (MG)
2005 Dietary Guideline	2000	40-70	<2300
Home Prepared Food	1765	51.3	1874
Fast Food	3646	181.6	4706

FOOD CHOICES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Diets higher in calories, sodium and fat lead to increased risk for high blood pressure, cardiovascular disease, certain cancers and diabetes.



INTEGRATED FAMILY COURT

Statistically, financial problems rank as one of the top reasons for divorce and, in today's economy, it could make financial problems even more overwhelming.

According to "Divorce: Causes and Consequences," by Alison Clarke-Stewart, nationally, divorce leaves 27% of the children living with mothers in poverty, and 12% of those living with their families are in poverty. In Coconino County, 30% of those who file for divorce already meet the national poverty levels.

Coconino County Conciliation Court, a department of the Superior Court, provides services to families experiencing marital stress, separation, and divorce or paternity issues. Parties in such cases may request counseling, mediation and/or a custody evaluation to help resolve conflicts.

Coconino County is the only county in Arizona that has implemented a national model court system designed specifically for families going through a divorce. The Integrated Family Court (IFC) recognizes that families and children involved in domestic relation cases have specialized needs, and ensures they are a priority within the court system. IFC manages family-related matters through a comprehensive, therapeutic approach that combines a family's multiple cases under a **"one family/one judge"** approach.

For those ordered to attend, IFC provides **no cost** services such as drug testing, substance abuse assessments, domestic violence assessments, domestic violence programs, counseling, mental health evaluations, supervised parenting time, anger management training, parenting time mediation, property mediation, custody evaluations, best-interest attorneys and court-appointed advisors.

The Cooperative Parenting program and the "Rollercoasters" children and youth program, go hand-in-hand in addressing family transition issues and making positive strides toward healing.

Cooperative Parenting assists parents in developing the skills needed to shield their children from ongoing conflict, strengthens parent-child relationships, and fosters children's resilience and health development. This course enhances parenting skills, reduces conflict and supports healing and a healthy family transition. The "Rollercoasters" program helps children and youth understand the dynamics and changes their family is experiencing. Both classes have received rave reviews.

No one wants to end up in court, but the Integrated Family Court is designed to help the families that do.

For more information on the Conciliation Court services, visit www.coconino.az.gov/courts or call (928) 779-6805. For information on the Integrated Family Court, please call (928) 679-7503.

FREE LEGAL RESOURCES AT THE LAW LIBRARY

In this time of economic uncertainty, legal issues can be even more stressful. Domestic violence, landlord-tenant issues, and major family changes—such as divorce, custody, or guardianship—can take on additional stress when finances are already stretched thin. The Law Library has free tools and information to help you represent yourself in court affordably and with confidence.

Your Law Library provides you with these **free** resources:

- Legal forms and instructions in English and Spanish
- A brief consultation with a family law attorney
- A website with forms, laws, and lots of other legal information
- Resources for your own legal research
- A Law Librarian to help you find what you need

Please let us know how we can help you.

Coconino County Law Library

200 N. San Francisco St.
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
928-779-6656
877-806-3187

www.coconino.az.gov/lawlibrary



FROM COCONINO COUNTY COURTS: WE WANT YOU TO SUCCEED

• Do you need to file a Protective Order?

Appear at any court near you, visit our self-help Law Library, or visit **www.coconino.az.gov/courts/**. These cases do not have a filing fee, and you should be able to see a judge immediately.

• Do you need options for getting a case through the courts?

Contact our self-help desk in the Law Library. We can offer some forms and information or recommendations for seeking legal advice.

• Are you getting behind on court-ordered payments?

Contact us. We will work with you to get you back on track.

• Do you owe traffic fines?

You may be eligible for a payment plan to make periodic payments. Some courts are now accepting credit cards and online payments.

• Do you have an outstanding warrant for your arrest?

Contact us or call your attorney. We can determine if you have options for getting the warrant quashed (or removed) without getting arrested. This may include information on paying money due to the court. If the warrant is for failure to appear, we can explain other options for seeing a judge to address the issue.

• Did you receive a traffic ticket and need more information?

Visit us at **www.coconino.az.gov/courts/**

• Do you need to file a domestic or civil case, but don't have the filing fee?

You may meet the guidelines to qualify for a waiver or fee deferral.

Clerk of the Superior Court: 928-679-7600

Flagstaff Justice Court: 928-679-7651

Williams Justice Court: 928-635-2691

Page Justice Court: 928-645-8871

Fredonia Justice Court: 928-643-7472

Court Administration: 928-679-7535

Coconino County Law Library: 928-779-6656



ADULT PROBATION SERVES THE COMMUNITY

Restitution in the form of community service reflects a critically important component of the criminal justice and corrections system — as it returns tax dollars to the community, while providing the offender with an important opportunity for meaningful rehabilitation.

After receiving placement interviews by the Adult Probation Community Restitution Coordinator, many probation clients are placed at local non-profit or governmental agencies to complete their community restitution hours ordered by the court. In these instances, they are supervised by the agency staff onsite and this “volunteer” assistance benefits both the agency and our community as a whole. Non-profit organizations must, by nature, be fiscally prudent and probation clients provide many hours of cost-free labor.

In addition, some clients benefit from the option of the Adult Probation Weekend Work Crew, which is supervised by a part-time County employee. The work crew meets every Saturday and Sunday and, as a supervised group, provides assistance to the community eight hours each day. Similar to individual placement, the work crew also completes projects for local non-profit and governmental entities. These projects vary from painting, landscaping and light construction, to community beautification efforts that include trash clean-up and rounding up grocery carts to be returned to local stores.

The work crew, which generally provides weekend placement for an average of 10 probation clients, contributes significant community cost savings by providing cost-free labor. During the first half of Fiscal Year 2009, the work crew contributed \$7,501

in cost savings to various County departments; and \$6,954 in cost savings for local non-profit and other governmental entities. Based on minimum wage calculations, that's a total of \$14,455 in just six months!

Adult Probation staff will continue tracking cost savings for the work crew projects and will begin tracking local agency cost savings contributed by individual probation clients in Fiscal Year 2010. We plan to continue contributing to the Flagstaff community and the greater Coconino County communities in a meaningful way — both in rehabilitation for our clients and in cost savings to our community!

For more information, call Adult Probation at (928) 679-8400.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

“WE SERVE THE PUBLIC BY ADVOCATING FOR JUSTICE.”

What We're About

This fiscal year, the County Attorney's office will have responsibility for over 10,000 criminal matters covering the full gamut of felony and misdemeanor crimes, as well as juvenile justice and mental health matters. We refer to the approach to these cases as **“solution-based prosecution”**, which means that we try to assess each case individually and determine what the ultimate goal is for each case.

For serious crimes, the primary goal is to protect the public from further harm at the hands of violent, repeat offenders. For those who are often first-time offenders with underlying substance abuse or mental health issues, the goal may be intervention and rehabilitation. In these cases, we utilize Drug Court, deferred prosecution, and other alternatives to incarceration when it is appropriate.

It is a “big picture” approach to crime prosecution that balances holding serious offenders accountable and protecting the public—with compassion for those with drug and alcohol addictions, mental health disorders and juvenile acting-out behaviors.

On the civil law side of the office, we will handle approximately 4,000 matters, including adoptions and probate, defending lawsuits against the County, and serving as legal counsel for the Board of Supervisors, County department directors and numerous special districts. It is a very diverse and challenging law practice and it keeps the four attorneys assigned to this work very busy!

The Road Ahead

Needless to say, we have some very serious concerns about the economy and current budget situation. Our law practice is high-volume and fast-moving, and we are always striving for greater efficiency and effectiveness. This is especially imperative as we have not added any new attorney or staff positions to our office in nearly ten years. And we know that the downturn in the economy will probably result in increases in certain types of crimes, such as burglary, theft, substance abuse related crimes and domestic violence.

To maximize efficiency, staff participates in the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and the Felony Task Force, which are multi-agency collaborations designed to improve coordination and effectiveness, while reducing costs, in the criminal justice system. We also have a successful recruitment and retention program that brings top-notch law school graduates who have a heart for public service to our office—first as summer interns and then as new lawyers. We are also developing a new training and mentoring program this summer that will accelerate the learning process and develop areas of expertise for our attorneys.

We are committed to staying in touch with all the various communities we serve and consider this to be essential to our ability to prioritize the issues and allocate our limited resources. As such, we are involved in numerous Neighborhood Watch programs, citizen academies (Flagstaff and Page), community alliances (Williams) and many other community service and civic organizations. Members of the office regularly attend Chapter and community meetings on the Navajo and Hopi Nations.

For more information, call the County Attorney's office at (928) 679-8200, or visit www.coconino.az.gov.



Newly elected County Attorney Dave Rozema

FLAGSTAFF PROJECT CONNECT CONNECTING PEOPLE, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY

This successful program rallies the community to support and create lasting solutions for low-income and homeless persons in Flagstaff. Community volunteers partner with city and county government, non-profits (including faith-based) and the private sector to create periodic

This is NOT a business as usual event. The “under one roof” offerings for those in need, and the “mobile hospitality” of volunteers who act as guides for their community neighbors, help lower the barriers.

one-stop events where those in need can directly access comprehensive and coordinated health and human services. As Flagstaff's economy continues to reflect the national downturn, local residents are feeling the effects and looking to the community for ways to weather this economic storm.

Project Connect is a one-day effort launched by Community Services and community partners in January of 2008, and is designed to bring all services together to help remedy the challenges faced by their neighbors. The event catalyzes community involvement, generates new partnerships and investment to homelessness; assists in the stabilization of low income individuals and families, and offers hope to the community.

Flagstaff has held three successful Connect events over the past year and a half and has served more than 1,000 people in our community. Services have included immunizations, STD/HIV testing, mental health, substance abuse, housing, emergency shelter assistance, utility assistance, eviction prevention assistance, dental screenings, government benefits, legal, veterans assistance (through the Veterans Administration), Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, Social Security Disability, free reading glasses, State IDs, birth certificates, haircuts, clothing, food, bus tickets... and more.

As the need in our community for information and services grows, Community Services has pledged to continue to organize the Connect, and to bring partners together in meeting the needs of those in the Flagstaff community who have fallen on hard times and need a hand up. The success of the Connect depends on our community partnerships and participation by community volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer, or need more information, call (928) 679-7431; toll-free (866) 822-9298.



PLANNING AND MANAGING WATER RESOURCES ON THE COCONINO PLATEAU

Ensuring an Adequate Long-Term Water Supply

The **Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council (CPWAC)** was formed out of an increasing awareness of the impacts of drought and growth on our water supply. The need to understand the current and future needs for water in our area and what can be done to ensure an adequate supply brought the members together. The diverse group of 28 agencies, organizations, tribes, cities and towns that are now working toward finding answers to our water issues are also dedicated to protecting the health and beauty of our environment.

Vision

The vision of the CPWAC is to ensure an adequate long-term supply of water and preserve the health of the environment on the Coconino Plateau—through conservation and wise water use; the advancement of research and informing public policy; cooperative planning efforts; identification of resource and research alternatives; public awareness; and a comprehensive and equitable water strategy for the Coconino Plateau that includes all interests.

Strategic Plan

The CPWAC undertook a strategic planning effort in the fall of 2006 and hosted a follow-up retreat in June 2008. Through this process, four strategic action areas were identified: **Conservation, Environmental Needs, Supply and Growth, and Legal and Regulatory**. The full plan can be viewed on the new CPWAC website at www.cpwac.org.

Research Projects, 2009

The CPWAC is focusing on three issues that address the strategic action areas raised in the strategic planning process. These issues are: 1) development of a regional water ethic, 2) development of a sustainable water budget, and 3) continued pursuit of a feasibility study for a regional water supply for the Coconino Plateau.

Water Ethic

Respect and care of the regional water supply, both now and in the future, demand an understanding and appreciation for the complex ecological, social, cultural, political and economic demands on this resource. In order to fairly address the diversity of perspectives on these issues, it is important to have an

underlying vision and set of principles and virtues—acceptable to all—that can be applied to water resources.

The CPWAC has begun a dialogue among the regional stakeholders to advance a common water ethic for Northern Arizona. The hope is that this water ethic will be a foundation for the development of best management practices for water supply and demand for this region.

Sustainable Water Budget

According to the Arizona Department of Water Resources, a water budget is an accounting of water going into an aquifer, water removed from an aquifer, and any change in water stored in an aquifer – all information needed for managing a water “checking account.”

The CPWAC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has been charged with developing a sustainable water budget as a means of continuing to evaluate the water supply for the Coconino Plateau. The TAC has formed an ad hoc committee to develop criteria, indicators and measures to address the different components of a sustainable water budget.

Feasibility Study

The CPWAC continues to pursue funding for a feasibility study of a regional water supply for the Coconino Plateau. A feasibility study is a detailed investigation authorized by law or Congress to determine the desirability of seeking congressional authorization to implement a project. As the name implies, it determines if a federal project (based on the alternatives proposed in the appraisal study) would be in the best interests of the area and the country. It does not guarantee that a project will be authorized.

The CPWAC has moved forward in seeking to obtain congressional support and authorization for a feasibility study.

For more information, call (928) 679-8850.



COCONINO RURAL ENVIRONMENT CORPS (CREC)



The Coconino Rural Environment Corps (CREC)

operates several youth and young adult **workforce development** programs, providing natural and cultural **resource conservation** services that benefit our communities, residents and visitors. Through direct, hands-on service, CREC Corpsmembers (ages 15 to 25) implement projects in partnership with most of Arizona's public land management agencies and conservation organizations. They receive extensive **work-skills training** and **conservation education** that directly enhances future career pursuits in environmental fields. Graduating Corpsmembers also receive AmeriCorps Education Awards for use in the pursuit of post-secondary education.

CREC programs directly address many challenges faced by our communities during difficult economic times. The Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University reports that “Individuals under the age of 25 represented 60% of the 1.2 million jobs lost in America last year.” During that same period, **CREC created 150 jobs** right here in Coconino County. With



support from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, CREC could double this success in 2009 and 2010. CREC experiences also lead to **long-term economic development** through improved access to post secondary education and conservation-related careers.

In addition to job creation and economic development, CREC project work protects County communities from the threat of wildfire, improves habitat for a variety of plant and wildlife species, and facilitates greater, and less damaging recreational opportunities for Arizona's citizens and visitors.

This year, CREC is working to broaden services by developing **Recycling and Energy Conservation Corps** programs to promote community-wide recycling, provide home energy conservation services to County residents, and expose local youth and young adults to careers in emerging green industries.

For more information on CREC services and employment opportunities, please visit www.crecweb.org, or contact us at (928) 679-8150.



FY09 BUDGET SUMMARY (JULY 2008 – JUNE 2009)

All Funds

The total adopted budget for all funds is **\$163,478,618**. The budget breakdown by type is shown below (net of contingency):

Public Safety	36%
Highways and Streets	19%
Health and Welfare	14%
Culture and Recreation	12%
General Government	8%
Internal Services	6%
Sanitation	3%
Education	2%

General Fund

The largest source of revenues in the General Fund continues to be State Shared Sales Taxes (35%). Other taxes, including County sales tax and Vehicle License Tax, account for 32% of the County's General Fund revenues. The majority of General

Fund expenditures and support goes toward Justice System programs. The adopted General Fund operating budget for FY09 was \$49,750,116 (net of contingency). Additional support of \$8,266,989 is provided in the form of General Fund transfers to special revenue programs.

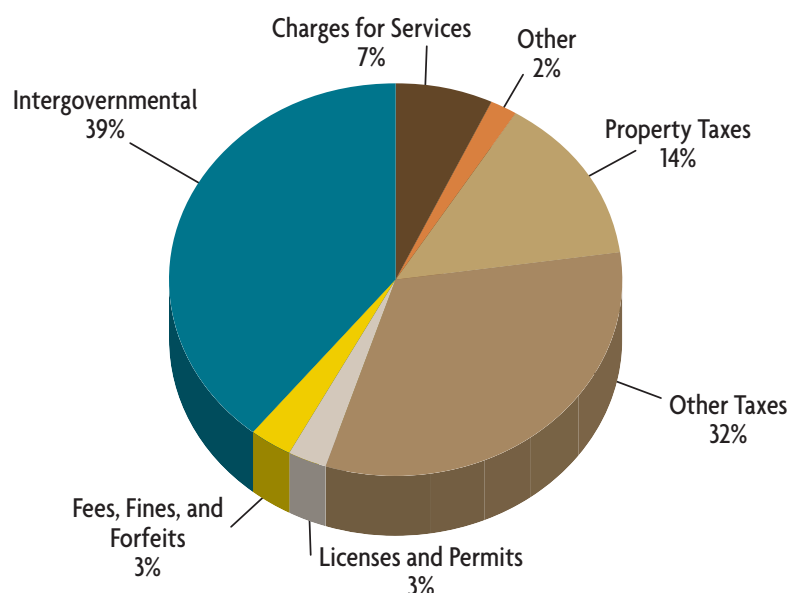
Budget Highlights

- Conservative "recessionary" revenue estimates and long-term financial planning were utilized in the budget forecast, resulting in the County's ability to maintain our current levels of service while working through an economic downturn.
- Delayed funding of increments – All non-critical increments were approved but funding was delayed. Funding was to be released if resources were available after an analysis of the impact of the State budget to Coconino County.
- Continued alignment of recurring revenues with recurring expenditures.
- Reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act at the Federal level.

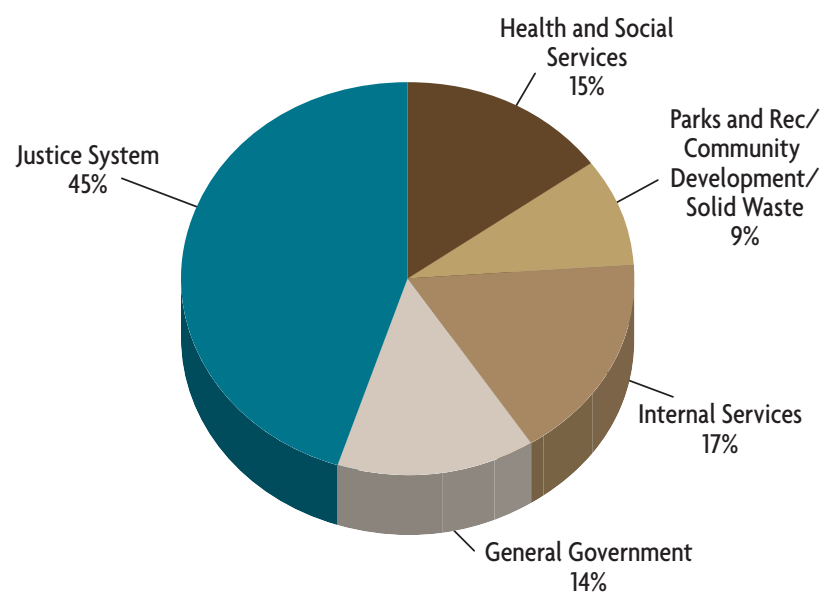
Budget Challenges

- The uncertainty of the State budget at the time the budget was developed and adopted. Coconino County received a \$1.2 million impact from cost shifts and mandatory "contributions" to the State budget. This impact was distributed between the Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) and the General Fund.
- The uncertainty of State funds for programs the County administers with State grant revenues.
- Economic uncertainty – At the time the FY09 budget was developed, the County appeared to be heading into a recession. The impact this would have on our economically driven revenues was unknown, but an impact was anticipated.
- At the time the budget was developed, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act was set to expire. This act provides \$4 million of funding in the County for programs, including road maintenance and school distributions.

General Fund Revenues



General Fund Expenditures and Support



LOOKING FORWARD

Moving into the FY10 budget development process, the County has realized the need to focus our limited resources on providing the services that are most important to citizens. We are building on our success with financial planning to implement a strategic budget process that seeks to:

- Put citizens and their priorities first
- Provide funding for projects that have the best alignment with the strategic priorities of the County
- Focus on results and priorities, not on cost
- Create a government that works better and costs less
- Emphasize accountability, innovation, and partnerships

HOW THE NEW STRATEGIC BUDGET PROCESS WORKS

The Coconino County Strategic Budget Process provides a program review that allows for maximum flexibility to respond to changing needs of citizens. The process ties our budget and resources to our strategic direction and focus. The process engages more people in identifying efficiencies and new ways of meeting the most important outcomes for citizens by implementing the following steps:

- The Board of Supervisors determines how much citizens are willing to spend for which services – the price of government.
- The Strategic Plan, developed by the Board of Supervisors and the Leadership Team, with feedback from citizen focus groups, determines the desired outcomes in priority areas.
- Service providers (could be cross section of departments, individual departments, work teams, partnerships) submit Program Funding Requests that identify how a program's impact/outcome aligns with the outcomes in a Strategic Plan priority area.
- Program impacts/outcomes are evaluated by a Results Team to determine if they address the needs that matter most to citizens.
- Programs that address and support strategic outcomes receive higher priority for limited funds.
- **Final output is a budget that better reflects citizen priorities and works toward the most efficient and effective delivery of the services.**

Look for more information on the implementation of this process in next year's newsletter update!

For more information on the Coconino County budget, please visit our website at www.coconino.az.gov/finance where you can download the FY09 Annual Adopted Budget in its entirety.



COCONINO COUNTY

DEPARTMENTS AND SERVICE DIRECTORY

www.coconino.az.gov

(All addresses are Flagstaff, AZ 86001, and the area code is 928, unless otherwise noted; courthouse address is 200 N. San Francisco St.)

Adult Probation, Cindy Winn	222 E. Birch Ave.	679-8400
Assessor, Chris Mazon	110 E. Cherry Ave.	679-7962
Board of Supervisors	219 E. Cherry Ave.	679-7144
District I Carl Taylor	219 E. Cherry Ave.	679-7151
District II Liz Archuleta	219 E. Cherry Ave.	679-7152
District III Matt Ryan	219 E. Cherry Ave.	679-7153
District IV Mandy Metzger	219 E. Cherry Ave.	679-7154
District V Lena Fowler	219 E. Cherry Ave.	679-7155
	Tuba City Office	283-4518
Career Center, Carol Curtis	2625 N. King St., 86004	679-7400
Clerk of the Board, Wendy Escoffier	219 E. Cherry Ave.	679-7145
Clerk Superior Ct., Deborah Young	200 N. San Francisco St.	679-7600
Community Development, Bill Towler	2500 N. Ft. Valley Rd. #1	679-8850
Community Services, Verna Fischer	2625 N. King St., 86004	679-7455
Constable, Linda Kuczynski	200 N. San Francisco St.	679-7530
Cooperative Extension, Beth Tucker	2304 N. 3rd. St., 86004	774-1868
County Attorney, Dave Rozema	110 E. Cherry Ave.	679-8200
County Manager, Steve Peru	219 E. Cherry Ave.	679-7150
Court Administration, Gary Krcmarik	200 N. San Francisco St.	679-7500
Facilities Management, Jody Gilbert	2500 N. Ft. Valley Rd. #2	679-8800
Finance, Sandra Schulz	219 E. Cherry Ave.	679-7180
Health, Barbara Worgess	2625 N. King St., 86004	679-7272
Human Resources, Allison Eckert	420 N. San Francisco St.	679-7100
Information Tech., Maureen Jackson	211 N. Agassiz St.	679-7930
Justices of the Peace		
Flagstaff, Brian Kolb	200 N. San Francisco St.,	679-7650
Fredonia, Mark R. Baron	112 N. Main St., PO Box 559, Fredonia, 86022	643-7472
	547 Vista Ave., Page, 86040 (from Page call)	645-8871
	(Toll Free)	(877) 645-8029
	700 W. Railroad Ave. Williams, 86046	635-2691
Page, Donald G. Roberts	1001 E. Sawmill Rd.	226-5400
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Williams, William B. Sutton, Jr.	201 E. Birch Ave., Ste. 2	679-7740
Juvenile Court, Bryon Matsuda	Ft. Tuthill (Exit 337 & I-17)	679-8000
Margaret McCullough, Presiding Juvenile Judge	110 E. Cherry Ave.	679-7700
Legal Defender, Gary Pearlmuter	5600 E. Commerce Ave., 86004	526-2735
Parks and Recreation, Todd Graeff	110 E. Cherry Ave.	679-7890
Public Defender, Allen Gerhardt	911 E. Sawmill Rd.	226-5012
Public Works, Andy Bertelsen	2384 N. Steves Blvd., 86004	679-8070
Recorder, Candace Owens		
Sheriff, Bill Pribil	200 N. San Francisco St.	679-7551
Supt. of Schools, Cecilia Owen	200 N. San Francisco St.	679-7557
Superior Court Judges	200 N. San Francisco St.	679-7567
Division I Danna Hendrix, Presiding		
Division II Fred Newton	200 N. San Francisco St.	679-7575
Division III Mark Moran	200 N. San Francisco St.	679-7580
(and Drug Court)		
Division IV Charles D. Adams	200 N. San Francisco St.	679-7586
Division V Dan Slayton		
Division VI Elaine Fridlund-Horne	110 E. Cherry Ave.	679-8188
(Integrated Family Court)		
Treasurer, Bonny Lynn		

GENERAL INFORMATION

679-7120 or Toll-Free (877) 679-7120

ABANDONED VEHICLES/JUNK CARS	
Private Property	679-8850
Public Property	(choose Dispatch option) 774-4523
ADULT PROBATION	
Flagstaff	679-8400
Page (From Page call)	645-9676
Page (From Flagstaff call)	679-8435
AHCCCS ELIGIBILITY (DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY)	
Flagstaff (Eastside)	522-0246
Flagstaff (Westside)	779-0327
Page	645-8131
Tuba City	283-4511
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR)/MEDIATION	679-7508
AMPHITHEATER AT FT. TUTHILL I-17, EXIT 337 (May to September)	
www.pinemountainamphitheater.com	774-0899
ANIMAL MANAGEMENT (2500 N. Ft. Valley Rd. #1)	679-8756
Animal Bites, Animal Control, Animal Cruelty, Barking Dogs, Dog Licenses, Rabies, Strays	

Domestic livestock—AZ State Livestock Inspector	Toll-Free (800) 294-0305
Wildlife—Arizona Game and Fish	774-5045 or Toll-Free (800) 352-0700
ANIMAL SHELTER (Coconino Humane Association)	526-1076
BAD CHECK PROSECUTION (County Attorney's Office)	679-8218
BAIL BONDS (Posting M-F, 8-5)	
Flagstaff Precinct	679-7650
Fredonia Precinct	643-7472
Page Precinct (From Page call)	645-8871
Page Precinct (From Flagstaff call)	(877) 645-8029
Williams Precinct	635-2691
BIRTH CERTIFICATES (Arizona births only)	679-7272
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION	679-7145
BUDGET (FINANCE DEPARTMENT)	679-7180
BUILDINGS	
Inspections and Permits	679-8850
Inspections for Property Value Assessment, Change in Use of Property	679-7962
BUILDINGS, UNSAFE	679-8850
BUS SERVICE	779-6624
Fixed Route (Mountain Line), Para-transit for Disabled/Elderly (Mountain Lift)	
BUSINESS SERVICES — AZ ENTERPRISE ZONE TAX CREDITS	679-7400
CAMPGROUNDS	679-8000
Ft. Tuthill County Park and Cataract Lake Campground	
CHILD SUPPORT	679-7624
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	679-7145
Agendas & Meeting Minutes; Boards, Commissions, Committees and Councils; Land Sale	679-7144
COCONINO COUNTY FAIR	
General Information	679-8000
Coconino County Cooperative Extension Office (4-H)	774-1868
COCONINO RURAL ENVIRONMENT CORPS (CREC),	
5410 E. Commerce Avenue	679-8150
COLLECTIONS ENFORCEMENT UNIT (Courts)	679-7500
COMMUNITY CLEAN-UPS (Solid Waste)	526-2735
COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICES	(Toll Free) 866-822-9298
Flagstaff	679-7425
Page	645-3105
Williams	679-7480
Community Services Programs: Emergency Shelter, Rent/Mortgage/ Utility Assistance, Senior Services (see Senior Services), Public Fiduciary, Basic Business Empowerment, CREC, Housing Rehabilitation, Volunteer Coordination	
CONCILIATION/MEDIATION	679-7508
DEATH CERTIFICATES	
Coconino County	679-8775
Arizona (outside Coconino County)	(602) 364-1300
DEFENSIVE DRIVING SCHOOL	
Flagstaff Precinct	679-7650
Fredonia Precinct	643-7472
Page Precinct (from Page call)	645-8871
Page Precinct (from Flagstaff call)	(877) 645-8029
Williams Precinct	635-2691
DISABLED SERVICES (Van Go Paratransit)	779-6624
TDD (see TDD)	
DOGS (See Animal Management)	
DRAINAGE	526-2735
DRUG COURT	679-7520
DUST CONTROL	526-2735
EDUCATION PROGRAMS	
Superintendent of Schools - Citizenship, ESL, GED, Teacher Certification (forms and fingerprint cards only)	679-8070
Career Center – Independent Learning Center (ILC) in Flagstaff	(877) 358-6714
ELECTIONS	679-7850 or (800) 793-6181
Candidate Filing, County Initiative, Referendum & Recall Process, Early Ballots (Absentee Ballots), Voting Locations, Voter Registration	
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Disaster Preparedness)	526-2735
EMERGENCY SERVICES (Utility Shut-off/Eviction Prevention)	679-7425
EMPLOYMENT	
Human Resources	679-7100
Workforce Investment Act (WIA)	679-7400
Law Enforcement	679-7100
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	
(2500 N. Ft. Valley Rd. #1)	679-8750
Restaurant Inspections, Food Handler/Food Manager Classes, Wastewater	
FINE ENFORCEMENT/JUDICIAL MANAGEMENT	679-7500
FIREWORKS PERMITS	679-7145



FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT	679-8850
FORT TUTHILL COUNTY PARK	679-8000
County Fair, Horse Races, Special Events, Campgrounds, Trails, Parks Headquarters	
GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS)	679-7800
Interactive GIS Mapping Site at www.coconino.az.gov/gis	
HEALTH (PROGRAMS/SERVICES)	toll-free (877) 679-7272
Animal Management, Childbirth Education Classes, Communicable Disease Program, Dental Services, Food Handler/Food Manager Classes, Restaurant Inspections, Wastewater (septic systems), Family Planning (STD testing/treatment), Food Plus, Health Start (Page, 645-9400), Healthy Families, HIV Testing & Counseling, Home Health Care, Immunizations/General Clinic, Injury Prevention, Maternal and Child Health, Medical Examiner, Newborn Intensive Care and Nursing Services, Nutrition Education, Page-Health (645-9400), Promoting Lifelong Activity For Youth (PLAY), Teen Wellness Clinic, Tobacco Prevention/Cessation, Tuberculosis Control Program, WIC (Women, Infant & Children)	
HORSE RACES	679-8000
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE	526-2735
HOUSE NUMBER INFORMATION	679-8850
ILLEGAL DUMPING (Public & Private Property) (choose Dispatch option) ..	774-4523
INJUNCTIONS AGAINST HARASSMENT (workplace or personal)	
Flagstaff Precinct	679-7650
Fredonia Precinct	643-7472
Page Precinct	645-8871
Williams Precinct	635-2691
JAIL	226-5200
JURY SERVICE	679-7616
Outside Flagstaff	(866) 221-2717
KACHINA VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (KVID)	525-1775
LANDLORD/TENANT ISSUES	679-7650
LANDFILLS/DUMPS/TRANSFER STATIONS	526-2735
LAND RECORDS	779-6585
Easements, Ownership Information, Subdivision & Lot Restrictions, Survey & Subdivision Plats	
LAW LIBRARY (200 N. San Francisco St., Flagstaff)	679-7540
LEGAL SERVICES (Civil Cases, Landlord/Tenant Issues, Domestic Relations) ..	774-0653
LEGAL DEFENDER (Court-Appointed Criminal Defense and Dependency Cases for Adults and Juveniles)	779-6816
LIBRARY (PUBLIC)	
City/County Main Flagstaff Library (779-7670), East Branch (774-8434), Forest Lakes (535-3049), Fredonia (643-7137), Law Library (679-7540), Page (645-4270), Sedona (282-7714), Tuba City (283-5856), Williams (635-2263)	
LIQUOR LICENSES	679-7144
LOT SPLITS/COMBINATIONS	679-7962
MARRIAGE LICENSES	679-7600
MEALS ON WHEELS	679-7425
MEDIATION/ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR)	679-7508
MEDICAL EXAMINER (2500 N. Ft. Valley Rd. #3)	679-8775
MOUNTAIN LINE/MOUNTAIN LIFT	779-6624
OPEN SPACES (Coconino Parks and Open Spaces Program)	679-8000
ORDERS OF PROTECTION (NO DIVORCE FILED)	
Flagstaff Precinct	679-7650
Fredonia Precinct	643-7472
Page Precinct	645-8871
Page Precinct (From Flagstaff call)	(877) 645-8029
Williams Precinct	635-2691
PARKS AND RECREATION	679-8000
Cataract Lake Campground (near Williams), Fort Tuthill County Park (Exit 337 and I-17), Peaks View County Park (Koch Field Road, Doney Park), Raymond County Park/Pumphouse Greenway (Kachina Village), Sawmill Multicultural Art and Nature County Park (Sawmill Road, Flagstaff)	679-8000
Louise Yellowman County Park (Main & Moenave, Tuba City)	(928) 283-4117
Willow Bend Environmental Education Center (at Sawmill County Park) ..	779-1745
PASSPORTS	679-7600
PERMITS (Online Permit Tracking Center at www.coconino.az.gov/cocopal/)	
Building, Electrical, Gas, Manufactured Home, Temporary	679-8850
Septic/Wastewater	679-8750
PLANNING & ZONING	679-8850
PRIVATE PROPERTY	679-7962
Legal Descriptions, Lot Dimensions, Lot Splits/Combinations, Ownership Information, Rights-of-Way (Forms available at Assessor's Office or Community Development)	
PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIMS	679-7107
PUBLIC DEFENDER	679-7700
PUBLIC FIDUCIARY (Conservator, Guardianship)	679-7440
PURCHASING (Bids, Prospective County vendors)	679-7199
RECYCLING	526-2735
ROAD CONDITIONS (Arizona Department of Transportation)	774-1491
ROADS	
Dust, Potholes and Road Repairs, Snow Plowing	526-2735
Easements, Rights-of-way	679-8850
Road Districts	679-7176
Speeders (Sheriff)	774-4523
SCHOOLS (SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS)	679-8080
Adult Education Programs, Home Schooling (See Education Programs), Teacher Certification (Forms and fingerprint cards only), Teacher Certification Information	
Phoenix	(602) 542-4367
Tucson	(520) 628-6325
SELF-HELP LEGAL SERVICES CENTER	679-7540
SENIOR SERVICES	679-7425
Case Management, Congregate Meals, Home Delivered Meals, Nutrition Education, Social Activities, Additional Services (See Community Services)	
SEPTIC SYSTEMS (WASTEWATER)	679-8750
SHERIFF'S OFFICE	
EMERGENCY	DIAL 911
Non-Emergency	774-4523
Civil Process	226-5125
Jail	226-5200
Administration	226-5012
SHERIFF'S OFFICE SUBSTATIONS	
Blue Ridge, Forest Lakes, Fredonia, Grand Canyon, Sedona, Tuba City ..	774-4523
Page (From Page call)	645-8873
Page (From Flagstaff call)	679-8700
Williams	635-4487
SMALL CLAIMS (CLAIMS LESS THAN \$2,500)	
Flagstaff Precinct	679-7650
Fredonia Precinct	643-7472
Page Precinct (From Page call)	645-8871
Page Precinct (From Flagstaff call)	(877) 645-8029
Williams Precinct	635-2691
SOLID WASTE	526-2735
SPECIAL DISTRICT PAYMENTS	679-7188
SPECIAL DISTRICTS	679-7176
Improvement, Paving, Road Maintenance, Fire, Lighting, Sanitary, Water	
SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSES	679-7144
TAX DEED SALE (Clerk of the Board of Supervisors)	679-7145
TAX LIEN SALE (Treasurer)	679-8188
TAXES	
Assessed Valuation, Exemptions, Tax Bill Corrections	679-7962
County Tax Rates	679-7189
Deadlines (for Tax Payments), Real and Personal Property (mobile homes and commercial equipment) Tax Bills	679-8188
TDD SERVICES (FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED)	
Elections/Voter Information, Human Resources	679-7131
Sheriff	774-4523
TIRE DISPOSAL	526-2735
TRAFFIC CITATIONS (HIGHWAYS AND COUNTY)	
Flagstaff Precinct	679-7650
Fredonia Precinct	643-7472
Page Precinct (From Page call)	645-8871
Page Precinct (From Flagstaff call)	(877) 645-8029
TRAILS	679-8000
TRANSFER STATIONS (Solid Waste)	526-2735
TRANSPORTATION	779-6624
Mountain Line (Fixed Route bus), Mountain Lift (Para-transit Service)	
TRASH SERVICES (Solid Waste)	526-2735
TUBA CITY OFFICE (Board of Supervisors)	283-5357 or 283-4518
VANGO (Para-transit service within City of Flagstaff)	679-8905
VOLUNTEERS	
Career Center	679-7400
Community Services	679-7425
Cooperative Extension	774-1868
Human Resources	679-7100
VOTER REGISTRATION	679-7860
WASTEWATER (septic systems)	679-8750
YOUTH PROGRAMS	
Career Center	679-7400
Community Services	679-8150
Cooperative Extension	774-1868
Juvenile	226-5400
ZONING	679-8850
Conditional Use Permits, Enforcement, Rezoning Applications, Variances	
OTHER TOLL-FREE NUMBERS	
Career Center	(877) 358-6714
Health Department	
Flagstaff	(877) 679-7272
Page	(888) 645-2283
Justice Court (Page)	(877) 645-8029
Law Library and Self-Help Center	(877) 806-3187
Page, Kaibeto, Fredonia Health Services	(888) 645-2283
Public Works	(800) 790-1990
Sheriff's Office	(800) 338-7888
Treasurer's Office	(877) 500-1818

THE CENSUS IS COMING! THE CENSUS IS COMING!

On April 1 of next year, the national 2010 Census will be conducted. Occurring once every ten years, the Census provides a wealth of information and is widely used for the distribution of funds, the re-alignment of voting precincts and congressional districts, population forecasting, and by the private sector in establishing markets. The Census helps the County understand changes in demographics—in order to make decisions on how and where to make improvements, provide services, and determine what services are needed in each community. **It is crucial to Coconino County to have an accurate count of all citizens.**

The first step in the process is to complete the Census form, which will be mailed to all households in the Flagstaff and Sedona zip codes. Census forms for the



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

rest of the County will be delivered to your residence by a Census employee. It is important to respond and to NOT throw away the form.

Please be assured that, by law, all Census information is strictly confidential. The personal information you provide on the Census form is not shared with anyone, including the IRS, immigration and other federal agencies.

If you do not mail back your completed form, a Census employee will come to your door sometime after April 1 to complete the form for you. An accurate full count is very important for the County's revenue and, therefore, for the provision of services provided to you by the County.

Our County loses approximately \$1,000 per person NOT counted in the Census in federal revenue sharing funds that go to schools, roads and other community programs and services.

If you are a resident who splits your time between one or more places, you can be counted at any of the locations. For example, if you spend winters in the Valley and summers in the high country, you can be counted at either place. Wherever you are living on April 1, or on the day the Census taker visits you, is where you will be counted. Of course, we would love to have you be counted as a resident of Coconino County!

If the Census taker visits your neighbor's house several times and gets no answer, they may ask you for information related to them. Please be cooperative.

Please stand up and be counted so we have a complete count and an accurate 2010 Census!



4 SIMPLE STEPS... HAVE A PLAN, BE READY, STAY INFORMED & VOLUNTEER!

What is Ready! Coconino?

Ready! Coconino is an emergency notification system that serves all of Coconino County, including the cities located within the County. Computer automation allows operators to send recorded emergency information to a large majority of our residents simultaneously. Public safety officials will use this system to notify you in the event of wildland fires, neighborhood evacuations, closures of major highways due to traffic collisions, natural disasters, law enforcement emergencies and any other occurrence that may affect the safety of our community. This system is another tool to help you stay informed during emergencies. We will still broadcast emergency information through the emergency alert system via radio, television and weather radio.

This system utilizes telephone company databases but, to ensure that you receive emergency information via this system, we encourage everyone to register your home and cell phone numbers at www.readycoconino.az.gov.

Your information will NOT be shared with any outside agencies—other than public safety personnel, such as 911 dispatchers and our Ready! Coconino service vendor, CityWatch.

For more information, call Coconino County Emergency Management at (928) 526-2735; toll-free (800) 790-1990.

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